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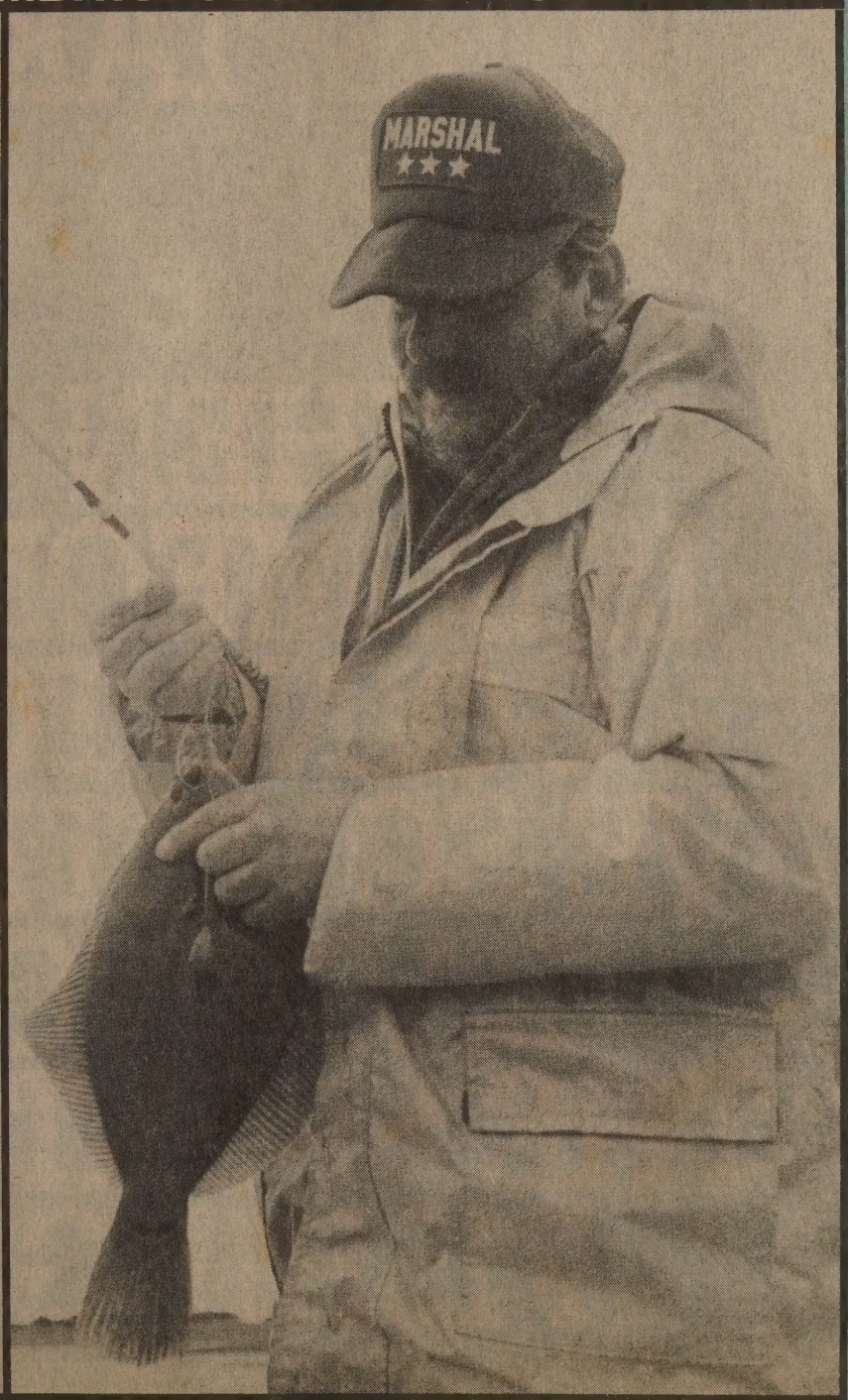

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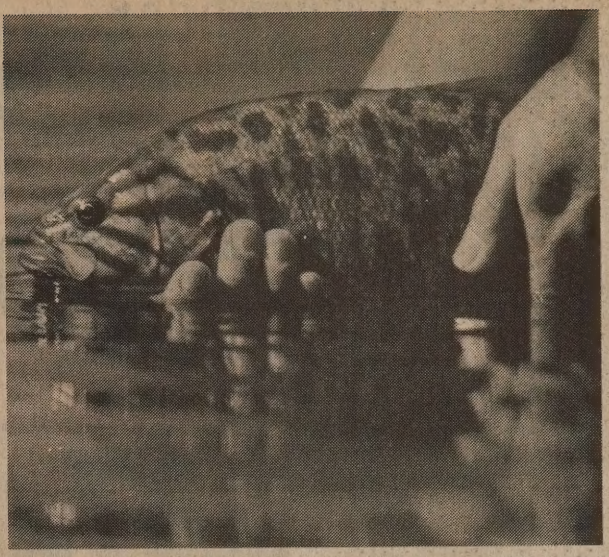

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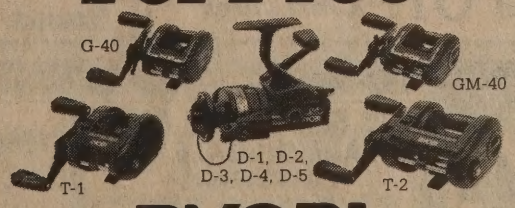

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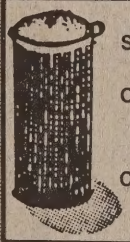

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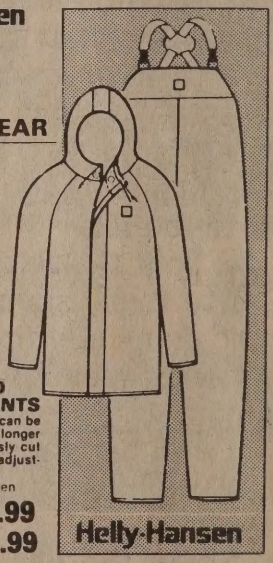

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Ray Marshall with a nice flattie taken from a south shore drain. Flounder fishing is beginning to take hold in many areas and the third annual Captree Flounder Derby isn't far off. For a complete rundown on this popular event, see pages 34 and 35. Dick Mermon photo.

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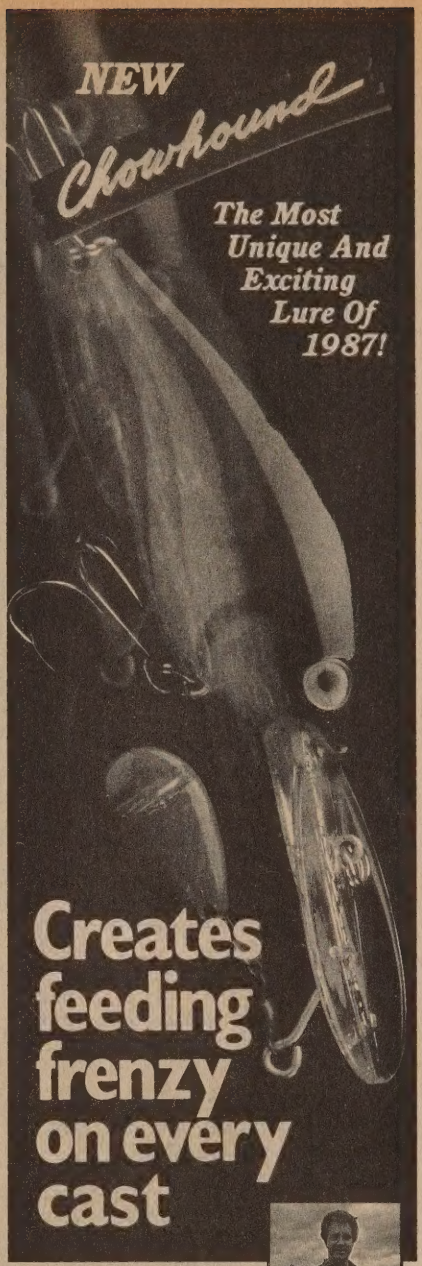

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NEW YORK SPORT FISHING FORUM AND AUCTION SET FOR THIS SATURDAY

The 1987 New York Sport Fishing Forum8Auction will take place March 14th at the Campus Center at the Suny-Old Westbury Campus on Rt. 107.

For the first time in its four year history, a mammoth auction will take place immediately following the speakers and workshops. At this writing there are about 100 auction lots that vary in fize from fillet knives to exotic vacation fishing trips.

Just this week, the auction committee received a donated nine day trip on the Royal Polaris out of San Diego and a 6 day, 5 night package at Tortuga Lodge in Costa Rica.

The Royal Polaris, a 113 foot long sportfisherman with a 29 foot beam, has been featured on national TV and has developed an international clientele for its extended trips off of Southern California and Mexico. Yellowfin tuna, wahoo, yellowtail, dolphin, grouper and black sea bass are among the fish caught on these trips.

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To participate in the Forum-Auction, you only need 10 percent down. Either cash or checks will be accepted, but no credit cards.

Every participant at the Forum will be eligible for the door prize, a day of fishing on the Great South Bay with Captain Al Lorenzetti and will get a complimentary copy of the Salt Water Sportsman. Subscriptions to the Salt Water Sportsman will be sold at a special Forum price of $13.95.

People who have joined the Federation ($10) this year or who will join that day will also be eligible for a slpecial drawing that includes a week in the Florida Keys.

Another highlight of the day will be the awarding of the "Friend to Sport Fishing" Award to the person who has clearly demonstrated his dedication to Sport Fishing and the Conservation of the Marine Environment. This award will be presented by the New York Sport Fishing Federation who is sponsoring the Forum-Auction along with Sea Grant Extension Service.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or through the mail (NYSFF, Box 240, Oakdale, NY 11769) for $5.

SENATOR OWEN H. JOHNSON TO SPEAK AT LITU MEETING

Senator Owen H. Johnson, who represents the 4th State Senatorial District, which is part of the Towns of Babylon, Huntington, and Islip in Suffolk County, will speak March 19th, 8PM, at the meeting of the Long Island Chapter of Trout Unlimited in the Auditorium of St. Martin of Tours R.C. Church in Bethpage, corner of Broadway and Central Avenue.

Senator Johnson plans to speak about legislation he will introduce in the 1987 Session that will affect the Long Island Marine District. This legislation includes the following bills:

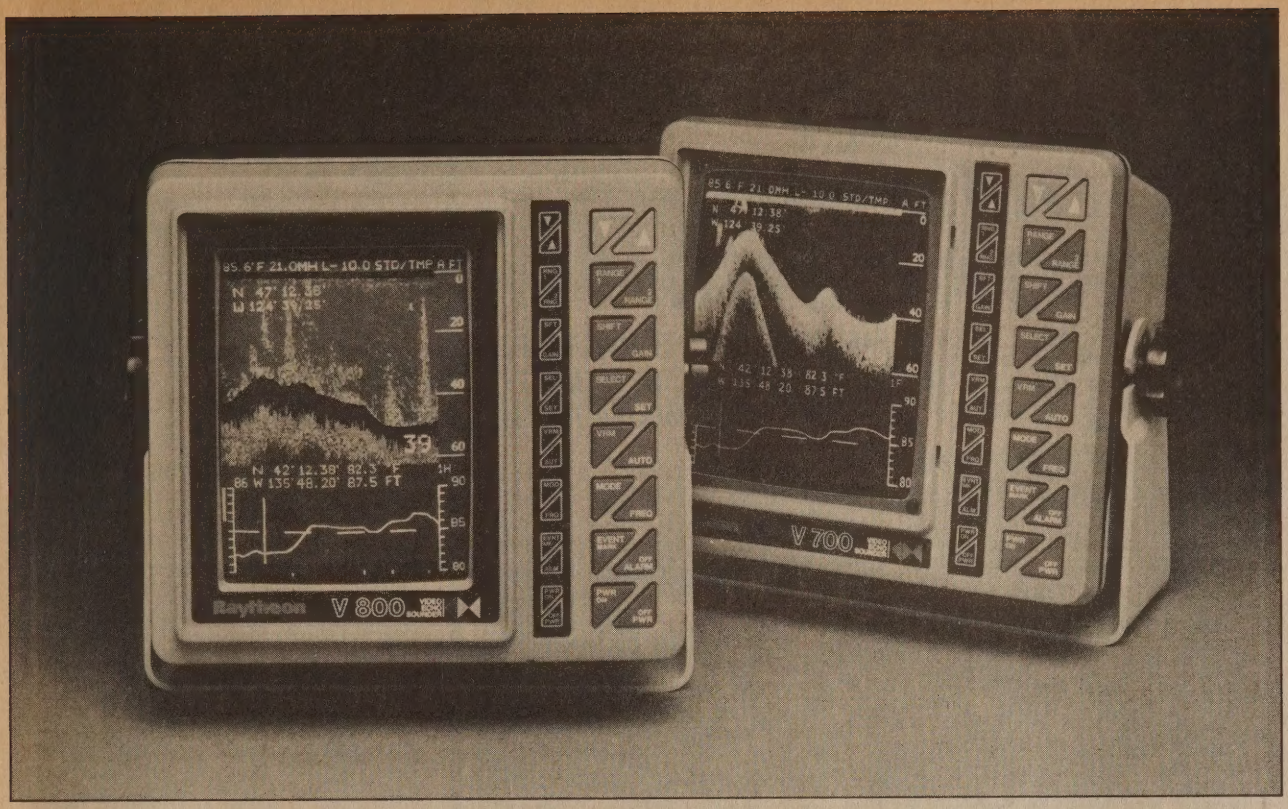
S.1301-B which would establish a marine resources advisory committee to oversee the present marine resources sub-account in the Conservation Fund.

S.2353-A which would establish a marine resources fund, using as the principal source of revenue highway fuel taxes, which boaters pay, but from which they derive no benefit.

S.3220 which would prohibit commercial fishing within state parks on Long Island, and

S.4777 which dedicates for marine resources purpose, the fees collected by the Long Island Park Commission for nighttime fishing permits.

Senator Johnson would also like to speak about the Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission as the New York State Representative to the Commission and the work the Commission has done to protect our



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Also, Senator Johnson would like to discuss with the persons present their needs, if any, for legislation that would enable them to more fully enjoy recreational fishing on Long Island.

This meeting should be most informative, being presented by a person with the knowledge Senator Johnson possesses for environmental conservation and marine resources.

All persons who are interested in environmental conservation and marine resources, are invited to attend this meeting, and would be welcomed by your presence.

If additional information is desired, contact Erick Erickson, (718) 939-7012.

TOHATSU BUILDS 'EM

Regarding John Raguso's article, "Outboards for '87," in Issue No. 7, it should be noted that Tohatsu is the oldest outboard motor manufacturer in Japan, having been producing outboards for 58 years. Tohatsu, in fact, manufactures engines for Nissan.

LONG ISLAND BEACH BUGGY ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE

LIBBA's annual Dinner Dance will take place Saturday, March 14th, 8PM, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Patchogue. Prizes will be awarded to 1986 Derby winners. Cost of the affair is $45 per couple ($22.50 per person) and includes open bar, hot and cold buffet, and music provided by a DJ.

For more information or to make reservations, call Tom or Barbara Kehlenbeck at (516) 475-6961.

Dates for the annual LIBBA Jamboree are Friday, July 31st through Sunday, August 2nd. It will again be held at Cathedral Pines County Park in Yaphank. For more information, contact Bob Lucchesi at (516) 794-0105.

BABYLON TUNA CLUB AWARDS DINNER

The Babylon Tuna Club (BTC) held their gala annual awards dinner dance on January 31st to honor those anglers catching the largest fish in a particular species, during 1986. The outstanding catches from local waters were:

False albacore, 16 lbs., Dick Svoboda; true alabacore, 55 lbs., Howard Lemon, Sr.; blackfish, 10 lbs. 5 oz., Al Lorenzetti, Jr.; bluefish, 19 lbs. 5 oz., Steve Leder; blue marlin, 349 lbs., Leo Sottile; dolphin, 16 lbs. 13 oz., Pete Geiselman; white marlin, 81 lbs., Don Yost; bonito, 9 lbs. 3 oz., Sam Saladino; codfish, 39 lbs. 6 oz., Frank Locaso, Jr.; flounder, 3 lbs. 12 oz., Doc Grell; fluke, 8 lbs., Don Yost; pollock, 29 lbs. Brien Higgins; mako, 395 lbs., Ron Shimborski; tiger shark, 590 lbs., Charlie Samperisi; striped bass, 38 lbs., Tom Healy (tagged and released); swordfish, 220 lbs., Howard Lemon, Jr.; bluefin tuna chummed, 144 lbs., Howard Lemon, Jr.; bigeye tuna, trolled, 187 lbs., Eddie Samperisi; bluefin tuna, trolled, 56

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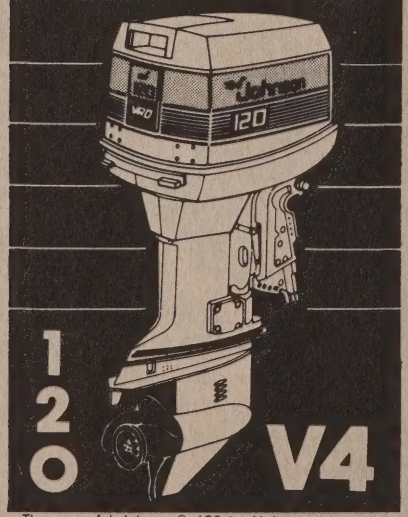

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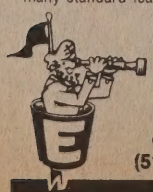

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RYOBI WILL BUY YOUR FISHING LICENSE

In the fishing tackle business, promotions come and promotions go, but all have a common purpose, be they rebates on tackle purchases or "buy one, get one free" types of special offers, but they are all aimed at attracting the angler to buy a certain product. They are simply marketing tools for a company's products.

Rarely does a company offer a promotion that along with marketing its products, provides benefits to the sport and funding of fisheries programs and projects at the grass roots state level. Well, here is a promotion with a difference.

Ryobi America Corporation has launched a rebate promotion for ths spring that will pay for the angler's annual resident fishing license, regardless of the cost in your state, with the purchases of one of a selected group of reels from their 1987 product line.

This may sound simple enough in itself, but the benefits go far beyond the cost of your fishing license. The money that is generated by the sale of state fishing licenses is matched by the federal government. These matching funds are collected from the "user tax" fisherman pay on fishing tackle and related fishing products under the Dingell/Johnson Tax Bill and many states have had a problem bringing in enough funds to get their share of the matching funds available to them under the program.

Ryobi's hope is that beyond increasing business, it will encourage even more fishermen to buy fishing licenses, since Ryobi is footing the bill. The more licenses sold, the easier for the states to qualify for a larger portion of the matching funds to continue to improve the fisheries within the state. These monies are used to fund projects like fish stocking programs and hatchery expansion, access to public waterways for fishing, water clean-up projects and fisheries habitat improvement.

Taking advantage of the program is simply: just purchase one of the following reels: the Demon Drag spinning reels (D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4 or D-5) qualify for the fisherman who prefers spinning, the new T-1 or T-2 reels or the G-40 or GM-40 baitcasters. The purchase must be made at a participating dealer between March 14 and April 18.

When the purchase is made, pickup a "License for Free" rebate coupon which is available at the dealer and return it with a copy of your 1987 residence fishing license before April 29th and Ryobi will send you a check for the cost of the license. With the cost of fishing licenses today, that amounts to quite a substantial refund on the purchase price of the reel. It's a good deal for the fisherman and a good deal for fishing!

Programs such as this one make everyone come out a winner and The Fisherman wishes to acknowledge Ryobi for its forward thinking in offering this unique promotion and for its concern about the future of fishing in our country.

SAFE BOATING COURSE IN BROOKLYN

Registration for a course in Boating Skills and Seamanship will take place on Thursday, March 19th, at 8PM at Floyd Bennet Field, Flotilla 11-2 Headquarters, Building Number One (Tower), Brooklyn, New York.

This a complete and comprehensive course presented by professional instructors. It will include boat handling, legal requirements, rules of the road and navigation. Text books and materials available at a nominal cost.

For information and reservations, kindly call after 6:30PM: George Goodharts, (718) 251-2472 or Thomas La Grutta, (718) 238-9187.

ATLANTIS ANGLERS MARCH 24TH OPEN MEETING

The Atlantis Anglers of Freeport will have Mr. Lou Rosado of Edelman's as its guest speaker. He is one of the most knowledgeable fishermen on Long Island. Mr. Rosado talked at one of last year's meetings and made it one of the highlight meetings of the season. I am sure this year will be the same.

Thinking of joining a fishing club? Come be our guest for the night. The club meets at the Salty Bay Yacht Club, 180 Westside Avenue, Freeport, New York, March 24th at 8PM sharp.

For any additional information, call Jay Ebbetts, (516) 766-4381 or Ralph Horowitz, (516) 889-0931 after 7PM.

SEA GRANT ANNOUNCES BUSINESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

A Business Management Workshop designed for owners and operators of small businesses is scheduled for March 12th at 7:45 PM at the Suffolk County Community College/ Eastern Campus, Shinnecock Building, Room S101, Riverhead, New York. This session will emphasize "how to" techniques and the latest information on "Managing Finances for a Small Business." The purpose of this program is to help owner/operators understand concepts and techniques of financial management and planning that can be applied to their businesses. This session will be led by Professor Charles Barta of the Suffolk County Community College Accounting Department. A $5 registration fee will be charged for participants attending this session.

For more information contact Sea Grant at (516) 727-3910.

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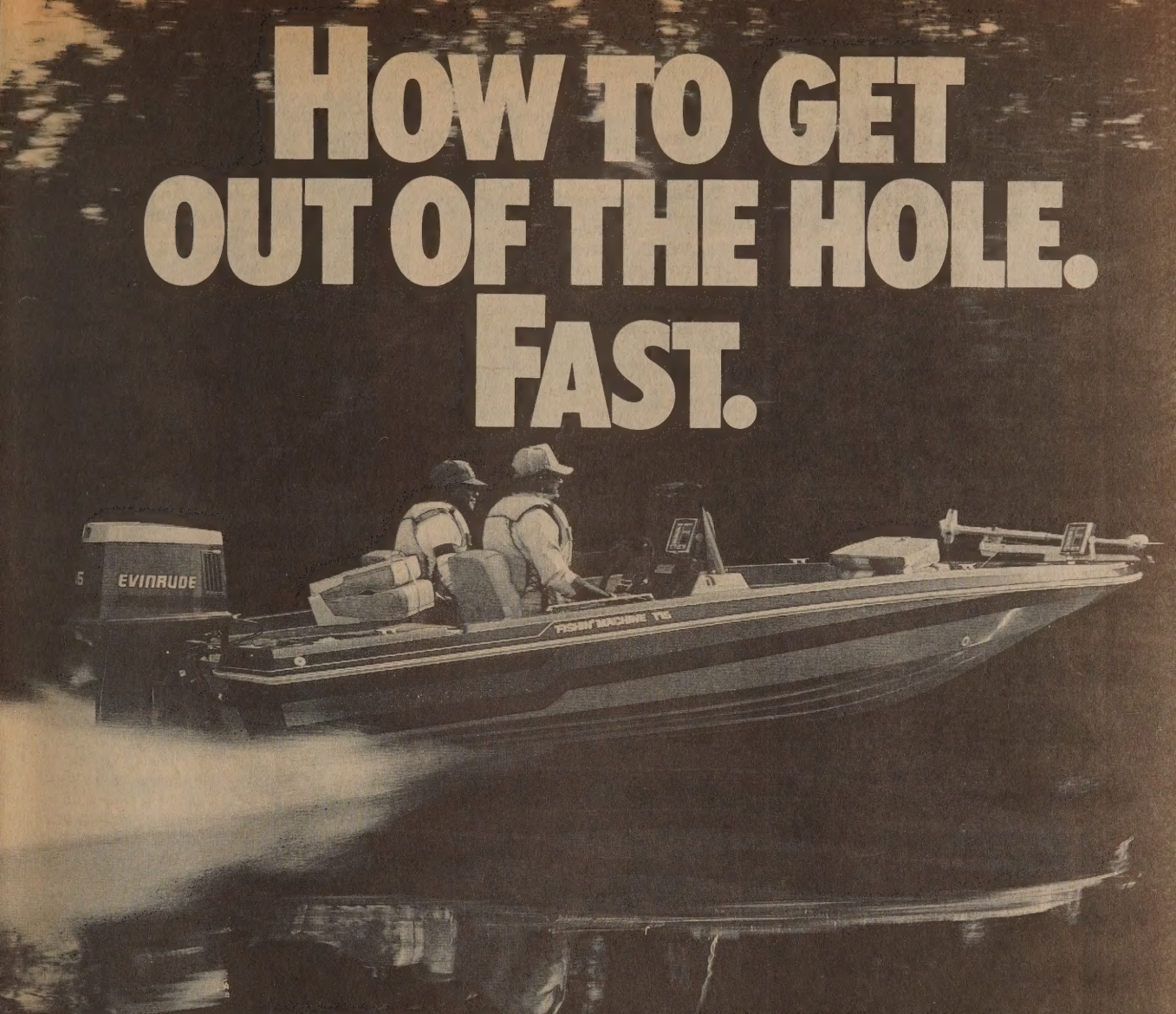

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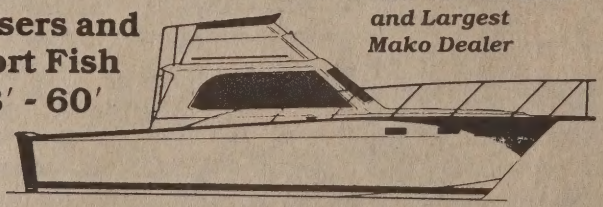

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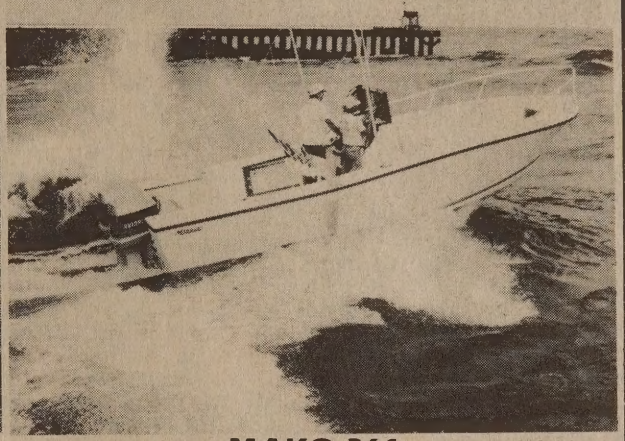

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1987 VIGIL PRODUCT LINE

To complete the 1987 expansion of the popular and successful Vigil product line, Mars Electronics announced the addition of the new Vigil Navtex, Vigil Compass and Vigil Remote Alarm at the New York National Boat Show in January.

These new products round out the ambitious product expansion that establishes Mars Electronics' Vigil brand as a complete source for electronic navigation equipment.

Designed to function as a standalone weather reporter and safety alert, the Vigil Navtex provides a high resolution LCD display of current area weather conditions in both graphic and digital formats. The instrument features automatic storage of critical safety messages, with the capacity to store up to 50 consecutive messages. The Vigil Navtex has a built-in interface port to connect to an optional printer for hard copies of the screen and message data.

The new Vigil Compass with remote LCD display functions as a standalone electronic fluxgate compass, or as an integral component of the Vigil RX System. The Compass and Vigil Supervisor form the heart of the total electronic navigation RX System that displays Compass, Loran or Satnav information on the Vigil RX and RXC Radar screens.

Integrating with all Vigil Radars, the new Vigil Remote Alarm connects to the radar Control Module to provide an audible Guard Zone alert that can be heard over most onboard ambient noise levels.

These and all Vigil products are available from Vigil dealers across the U.S. and Canada, as well as worldwide.

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For more information, contact: David Carratt, Frank Borghese, Marine Systems Division, Mars Electronics, 801 Carpenters Crossing, Folcroft, PA 19032; (800) 33 VIGIL; PA (215) 534-4200.

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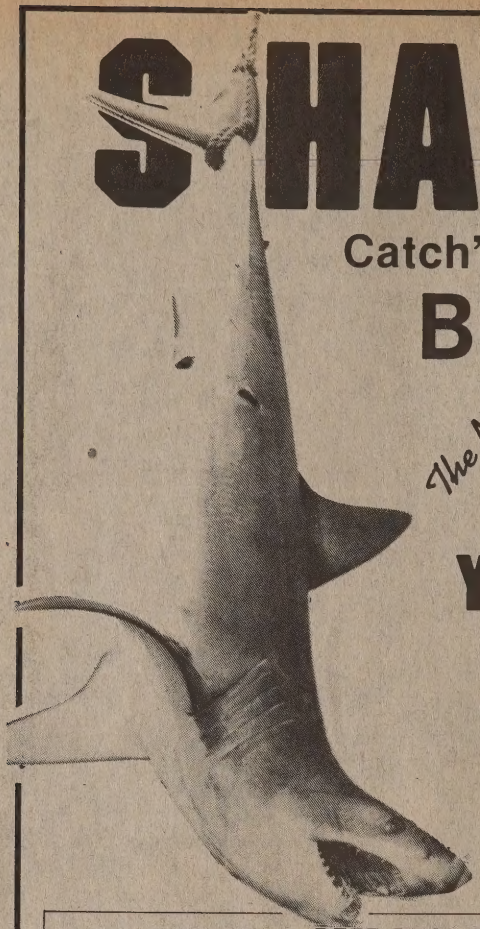

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For more information, write Si-Tex Marine Electronics, P.O. Box 6700, Clearwater, FL 33518.

PHANTOM GETS SMALLER COMPANION

Now there's a smaller but highly efficient companion to back up the roomy black Phantom that won instant favor from anglers when introduced by Plano last year.

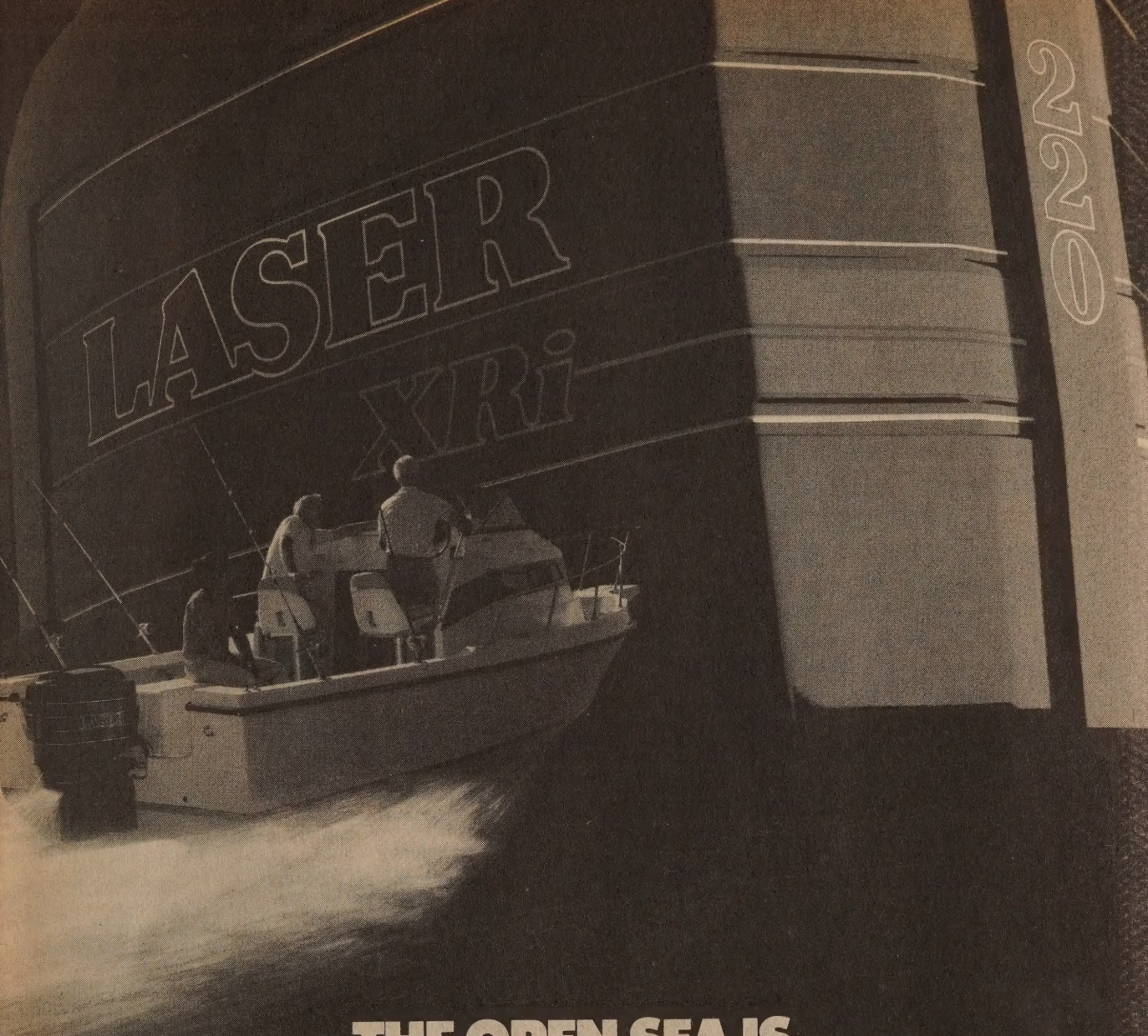
The new Model 1464 has all of the Phantom line's classic beauty and more innovative versatility to utilize efficiently every cubic inch of space.

One of the 1464k's two sides has long, deep compartments with plenty of dividers that permit efficient personalizing. There's room in it, overall, for scores of worms, a fillet knife, line spools, pliers, pork or egg jars, scent bottles—or one or two of Plano's new #3449 or #3549 Phantom utility boxes.

Or part of the space can be given to a lift-out tray offering six compartments big enough for crank baits or similarly sized plugs or spinners.

The box's other side is able to accommodate lures galore, with a mix of virtually all the smaller gizmos and gear the average angler requires.

"Our designers and engineers sought to provide maximum efficient use of the Model 1464's interior, all fitted out with dividers to meet each in-



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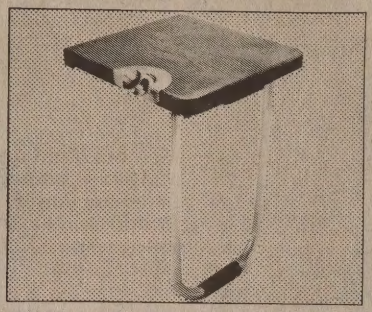

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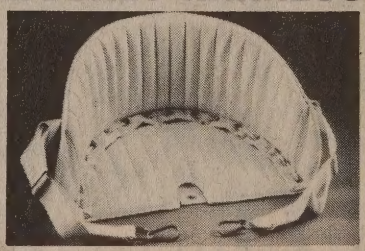

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The larger of a two-boat Great Lakes Special series, the GLS-195 is made from a .100 gauge aluminum that is thicker and higher temper than that used on competitive models in its class, says the firm.

The deep V hull of the GLS-195 is said by Sea Nymph to be as at home fishing for stripers or bluefish on Chesapeake Bay, as it is downrigger fishing for salmon on the Great Lakes, or for freshwater stripers on the windy inland impoundmnts and reservoirs out West.

The GLS-195 is loaded with seating and rigging options. For example, provision has been made for additional plug-in seats in the bow, behind the driver and passenger, and in the center after-cockpit.

A 24-gal. fuel system is located under the floor to keep the center of gravity low in the deep V hull. Standard equipment includes teak downrigger boards; a spacious, aerated live well/cooler larger enough for most salmon, stripers, bluefish and lake trout; short-wing walkthrough "sportfishing" windshields and padded cockpit coaming to protect the knees when landing fish or rigging lines. An optional standup top also is available for foul weather protection.

The GLS-195 is rated for 140 hp , has an 89 inch beam and 40 inch bow height. A smaller version of the Great Lakes Special, the model GLS-175, has similar features and is rated for 90 hp to accommodate its 17½ foot length and 82 inch beam. It is constructed of .090 gauge aluminum.

For further information, including a free catalog, write Sea Nymph, Inc., P.O. Box 337, Syracuse, IN 46567.

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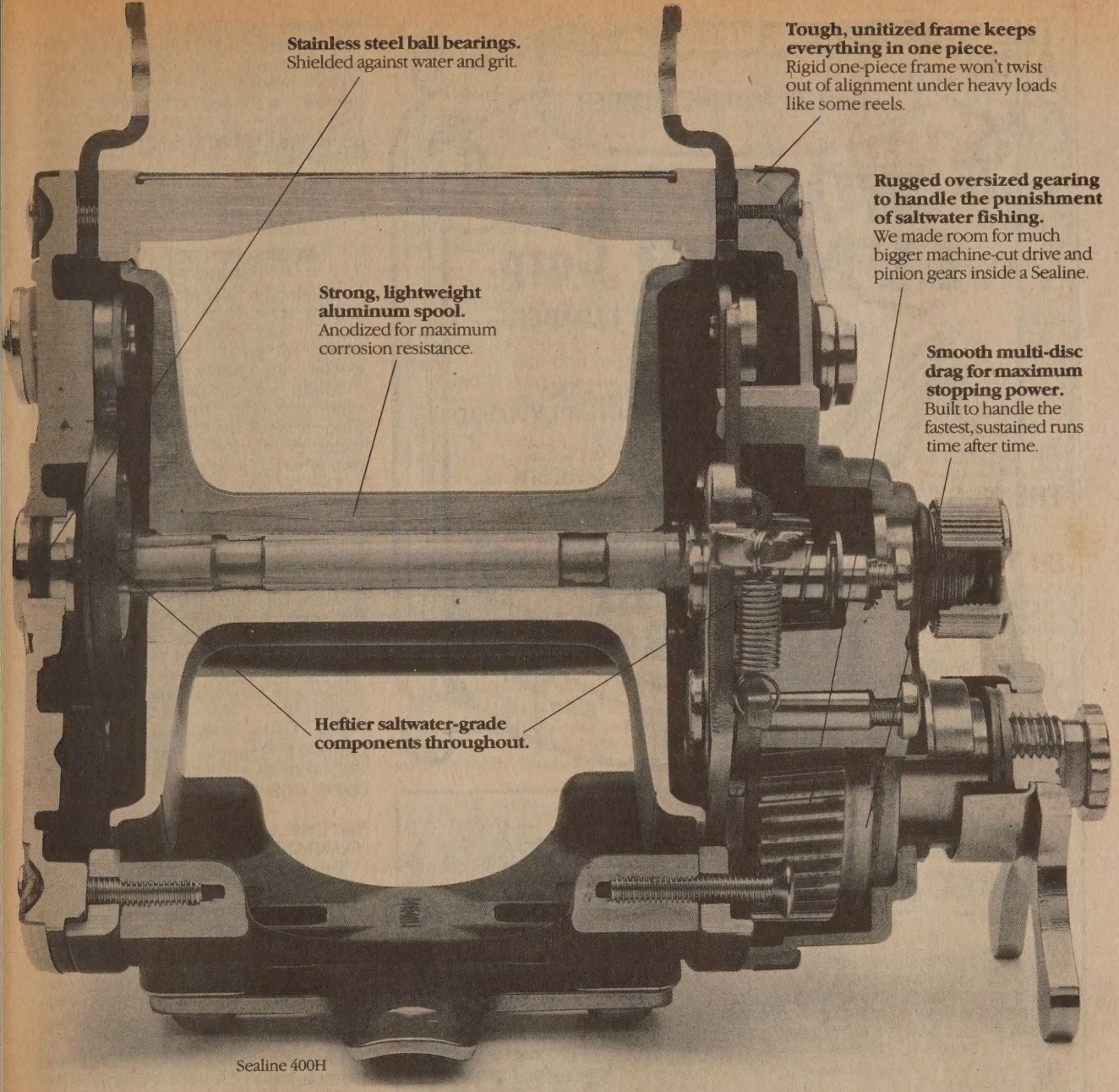
POLYPROPYLENE MOTOR BRACKET

A new adjustable outboard motor bracket from Spar Marine offers boaters the best of many alternatives. It is attractive, versatile, sturdy, economical and very long-lived.

Called the 1710 motor bracket, it has 5 adjustments to enable the user to adjust the motor height according to current water conditions, various boat styles or motor shaft length. Adapting the motor to prevailing rough water conditions improves engine performance and fuel economy. The adjustable bracket provides convenience and simplicity for the boat owner because he doesn't need to change brackets as power requirements might change.

The 1710 polypropylene motor mount is 2" (5.08 cm) thick. Unlike wood motor mounts, there is no varnish seal that is broken once the engine is mounted. This paves the way for deterioration and delamination. The polypropylene mount cannot break down. It maintains a sharp appearance throughout its long life.

One size bracket fits all motors up to 20 hp on both power and sail boats. All materials are non-corrosive including the stainless steel springs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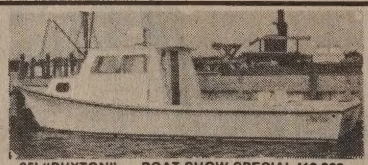

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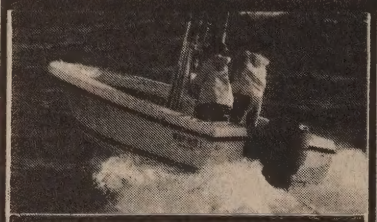
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Boats For Anglers

LARSON DC 265

by Jim White & John Jollie

Larson Boats recently took over the manufacture of the International line of sport boats and high performance center console offshore fishing craft. Formerly called North American, then Trojan American, then American International and now Larson International, the series of 20 to 26 foot boats have become known as offshore workhorses wtih superb stability even in heavy ground swells or heavy inside harbor chop. The basic design of this series has stood the test of time and Larson's 75 years of boat building technology and marketing ability are "just what the doctor ordered" for the International line.

Larson made no changes in the basic layout of the boats but they did make numerous small changes in the molds and construction techniques to bring the Internationals into the most modern technology of boat building. They are now tougher than ever, but no changes were made to the hull, they retained the famous Delta-Conic hull, a revolutionary design breakthrough by marine architect, Harry L. Schoell of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Schoell and his Delta-Conic hull configurations are no strangers to the boating industry having put his new hull design into sports fishermen and motor yachts in excess of 100 feet as well as for production boats that lead the way in styling and performance. And this design has worked wonders for the Larson Internationals. The deep entry of the bow and the conic surfaces extending to the chines, the delta-shaped after sections and the wide chine flats provide a dryer, more comfortable ride in a heavy chop.

A feature which was especially nice and that many offshore trollers will appreciate is the hull's unique stability while at trolling speeds. One doesn't get that rock and roll feeling as much, like you were being thrown out of the boat any minute. It really gives you a feeling of confidence in the boat's ability to handle heavy water situations with no trouble. While drift fishing, too, whether for fluke or for makos, the stability of the Internationals is among the best of any boat in its class.

A friend of mine, Bill Myers, has a 26 and while fishing with him 10 miles northwest of the Vineyard, we hit some heavy weather returning to the island. Not once did we feel that the boat couldn't handle the seven foot seas we encountered.

The hull and other fiberglass components of the DC 265 International are all hand laid and hand built to very demanding specifications, the same that apply to 100 foot motor yachts. They are assembled and outfitted to withstand the torturous rigors of offshore fishing. Each boat has Coast Guard approved foam flotation which provides buoyancy and rigidity. The non-skid cockpit sole is self-bailing and offers a lot of room for all types of fishing.

All deck hardware, grab rails and controls are stainless steel for greatest rust resistance. Wood finishes are made of teak, which is very strong and durable.

The cuddy cabin on the DC 265 is very well laid out, going into it, you'd

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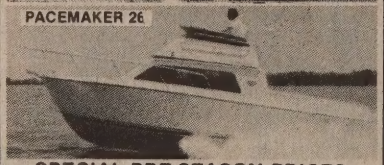
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think you were in a much larger craft. The V-berth can sleep 3 or 4 people, depending on their size and how they lay down. The cushions are very comfortable, not like sleeping on sheet rock. A small galley with sink and refrigerator provide homey comforts. All finish work inside the cabin is done in teak.

Families will like the enclosed head, with enough room to move so you don't feel cramped. A stove is also available. The cabin door is done in heavy teak with a hinged overhead cover to provide maximum head room as you enter the cuddy.

Storage inside is spacious and well thought out so everything is handy. Interior lights and port and starboard windows give the cabin a really classy finish look. Oh yes, there's also a rope locker up forward with quick access to the hatch above, plus overhead rod storage for those expensive offshore rod and reels.

The center console is large and laid out extremely well. All engine gauges are readily visible and the console has enough room for recessed and top mounted elctronics. Several styles of seating are available including a rocket launcher which is becoming the choice of many fishermen. There are tackle drawer options, along with a forward facing seat with plenty of stowage underneath. There is also under the console stowage accessed via a large teak door on the aft side.

A large, in-deck circulating bait well will keep the live bait anglers happy (and their baits). Under the gun'l there is space for eight rods and reels in teak holders. Additional six vertical rod holders are mounted forward on the outside of the cabin bulkhead.

We found the built-in tackle box style seat that Bill had on his boat to be very handy. It eliminated the need to carry bulky tackle boxes so there was more deck space. The drawers are large enough for the necessary offshore lures needed to be carried on an offshore fishing trip, yet there's also plenty of room for rain gear, thermos, charts and lunch.

Another neat option is the T-Top, available with four rocket launcher rod holders and two outriggers built into the top.

Fishing out of this boat was a real pleasure. The freeboard is excellent and there's plenty of room for fighting fish from blues to giant tuna. At present, the only power options are OMC Sea Drives or any of the Gil or Armstrong style brackets.

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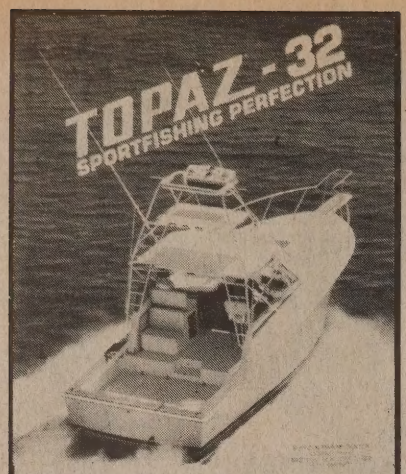

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Product Review

SANITY MARINE FIGHT CHAIR

by Lou Truppi

Sanity Marine Corp. recently introduced a hot item for all size boats. Many of our readers are already familiar with the name Sanity and the high quality standards that are the hallmark of its very successful line of fighting chair harnesses.

The concept is so simple it kind of makes you wonder "Why didn't I think of that?" Essentially, there are numerous times on any size sport fishing boat that an extra fighting chair or seat is required. This is more prevalent in our offshore waters where the tuna is probably the most sought after species by our canyon fleet. Due to sheer numbers of multiple hook-ups and the unavailability of an extra chair, many fish are lost each year by experienced and neophyte anglers alike.

This record is not only played on the offshore grounds, but spinoffs occur inshore as well. Literally dozens of opportunities are lost to land multiple hook-ups on mid-size tuna, blues, albacore and bass due to one reason or another. That "another" is justly linked due in many instances to the lack of an extra place to mount the fighting butt of a rod. It can be tough on a newcomer when a rod with 300

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Even more drastic on the canyon scene, can be multiple yellowfin, albacore, or bigeye hook-ups. Here the tackle can even be heavy to hold, never mind the 100 lb. plus fish on the end. Again, the Sanity Seat can make quick success of a seemingly hopeless situation in which all but one angler can use the solitary fighting chair. Extra "chairs" can now be added and set up as fast as you can reach under your gunnel. All hands can have a shot at landing their fish and multiple hook-ups now become less of a problem and more of a challenge.

This high quality chair is novel in idea only. It is made of old-fahioned fine grade teakwood that has been laminated for added strength. All hardware is stainless steel. A unique feature of this chair is the gimbal. To my knowledge, it is the only 360 degree rotating gimbal. Yes, the chrome over brass gimbal can rotate 360 degrees, thus allowing the fisherman to angle the rod from a stationary position.

The gimbal itself is bolted through the teak for maximum strength. An aluminum tube forms the leg and is pressure fitted so it can be removed or folded for convenient out of the way storage.

The seat also has a snap-on cushion which is designed of high quality white vinyl with snaps to ensure a firm fit. A nice feature of the cushion is that it can be turned over to fit either port or starboard chairs.

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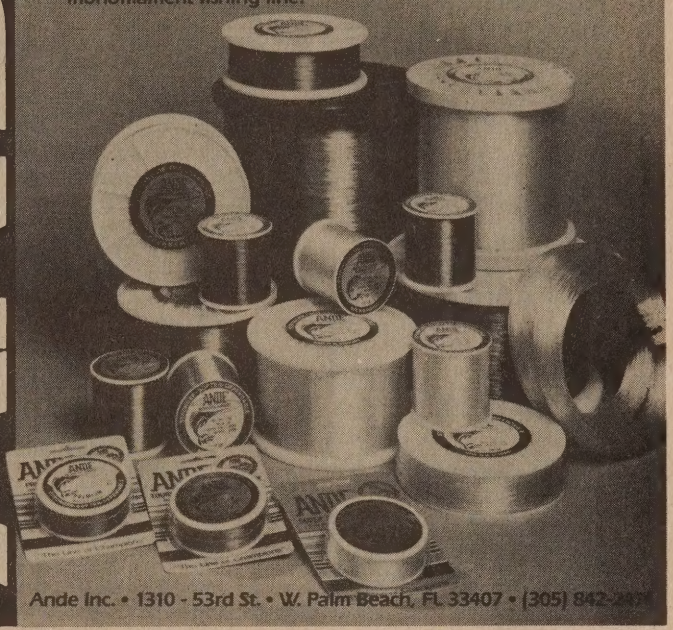

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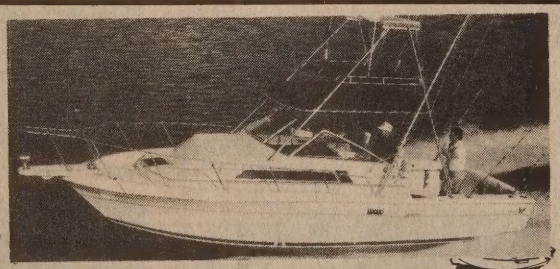

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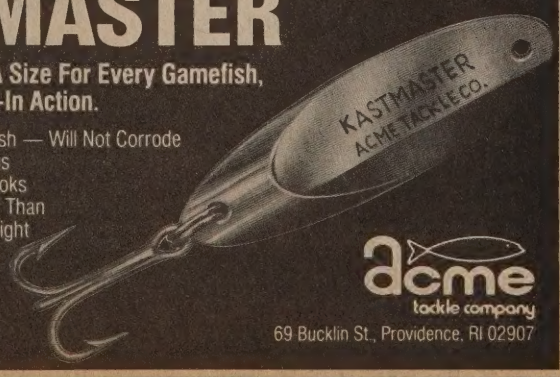

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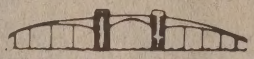

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The Tackle Doctor

by Ken Freel

Dear Doc,

After reading about shark fishing in The Fisherman for several years, I decided to try it last year on my own. We only caught one mako, but we did catch several other sharks like browns and blues. We had a huge tiger in the chum slick, but for some reason it wouldn't take a bait.

I used a nylon mesh chum bag to hold the chum bucket but didn't like this setup since the bag smelled terrible and one blue shark ate right through one of the bags as it tried to lunch on my chum!

I know how to make the square box that is mentioned in many Fisherman articles, but I have a small boat and don't have the storage room. What else can I do? *Chuck Gibbs.*

Hi Chuck,

Canyon Products, a division of Forean Custom Upholstery, makes a vinyl bag with large holes, a rope and brass fittings that is perfect for what you need. The bag is washable and won't hold the chum smell. The bag is available in many tackle shops, or they can order it for you. If you have a hard time locating the bag, write directly to Canyon Products.

Sharkers often carry a lot of extra gear like tail ropes, belly belts, kidney harnesses, extra leaders, floats and rubber bands. Since you mentioned storage on your boat as being tight, you might try storing all these extra items in the chum box or bag. Both the bag and the box wash completely free of chum and provide handy storage and a carrying case as you take your gear to the car for the ride home.

By the way, anything that comes in contact with chum or shark blood can hold a bad odor. I wash my tail ropes and chum bags in a mild bleach solution to remove nearly all the odor.

Next time you get a tiger, or any shark, in your slick that shows little interest in eating your baits, try tossing a chunk or two near the fish if it's cruising right near the boat. If it is holding away from the boat just spice up the slick every few minutes. Don't chunk too heavily or the fish will stay back in the slick dining on your free offerings. Toss a few chunks and then wait to see if the shark comes in closer looking for more.

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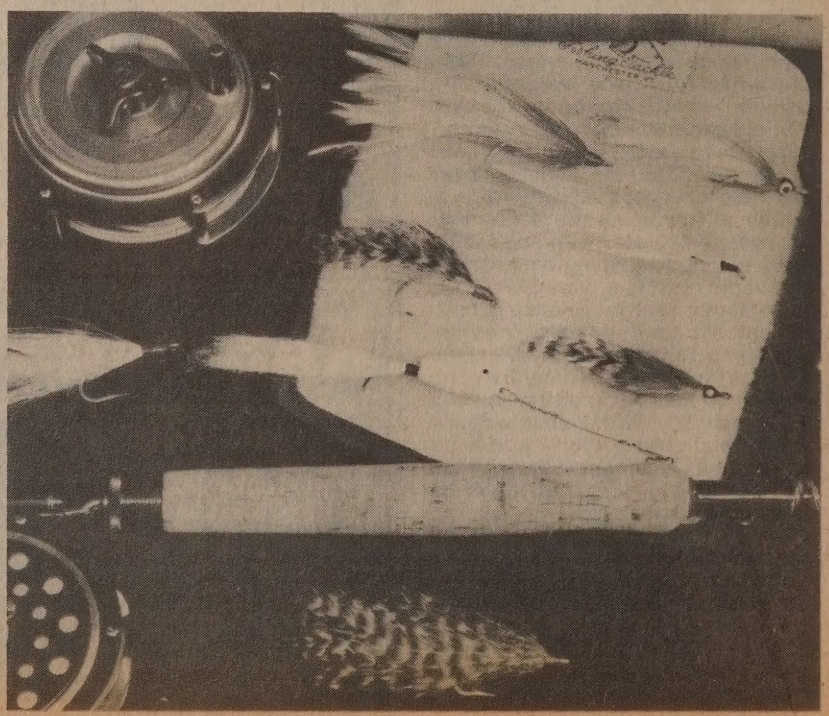
Dear Doc,

I've just started to get into saltwater fly fishing and have a few questions now that I have one full season under my belt for this exciting way to fish. I trailer my 16 foot Starcraft to



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many places along the East Coast from the Norwalk Islands in Connecticut to the marshes at Chincoteague in Virginia, fishing mostly the sheltered waters in the bays. I suffer from seasickness and don't like to spend time offshore.

My questions are how can I prevent my Pflueger 1498 reels from corroding and what do you recommend as an all-round rod for this kind of fishing? I'm mostly catching smaller fish up to 5 lbs., like weakfish, small blues, school stripers and occasionally some fluke. *Don Edmonston.*

Hi Don,

Sounds like you are having a lot of fun fishing the salt chuck with the long rod. Like you, many anglers find this to be a very rewarding way to fish. The fish may not always be large, but the total experience of fly fishing, including its demands for tackle handling, fly presentation and extra thought by the angler all add up to pure enjoyment.

While watching a buddy prepare his new outboard kicker for fishing, I was amazed to see him spray the entire motor under the cover with a waxy coating. The brand he used was CRC, but there are others on the market readily available in most marine supply stores and tackle shops. I've used this same spray on tackle and it works just great. The wax seeps into every crack and joint of the reel and salt will never be a problem.

Before you put the line and backing on, remove the spool and spray both the spool and the housing thoroughly with the wax spray. Be sure to get the wax into the areas around the support posts, the stripping guide and reel seat. Wipe off the excess and reassemble the reel. This treatment should last a full season.

For the bay and inshore fly rodding you're doing, I've settled on two rods: one for quiet waters when there is no wind; the other for windy days. Often at crack of dawn or at dusk, the wind dies down to a whisper and an 8 or 8½ foot rod capable of handling a #8WF line is about perfect for these quiet times. The lighter line will present the streamer without slapping the water and is adequate for handling most fish up to 8 lbs. or so. The rod action should be a little on the stiff side, not like a very soft 8 foot trout nymphing rod. You need some backbone to work the double haul and push that streamer.

The second rod is 9 feet in length and handles a #9WF line. Its action is much beefier than the first rod mentioned to allow me to cast into a stiff breeze. I use the same rod while wading along sod banks and it seems just about perfect. Look for a rod or blank with a firm action in the butt, but without too fast a tip which can cause you to throw a very tight loop. On windy days the loop can hit itself and cause a tangle in the leader.

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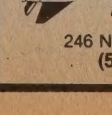

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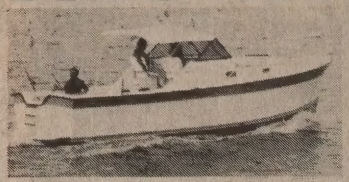

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by Eric Burnley

Dear Eric,

My outboard always pulls to one side, making the boat difficult to control. With only a 70 hp engine I didn't get power steering and now regret that I didn't. Is there anything I can do to correct this pulling? *Jack Wells.*

Dear Jack,

The steering wheel or tiller should turn with equal tension in each direction. An adjustable trim tab is mounted on the anti-cavitation plate above the prop.

However, before adjusting the trim tab, make sure the outboard is centered and square on the transom and mounted at the proper height. The motor should be in the correct tilt pin hole. If it's equipped with power trim, the optimum trim angle should be utilized throughout the speed range.

If the boat turns easily to the left and hard to the right, a simple procedure can balance the steering torque. First, remove the plug on top of the housing above the tab. Loosen the screw or nut and move the trailing edge of the trim tab to the left when viewing the motor from behind. The exact adjustment will require experimentation. Start with a small correction. Reverse the procedure if the boat turns more easily to the right.

Turns easy left (pulls left) = move trim tab left.

Turns easy right (pulls right) = move trim tab right.

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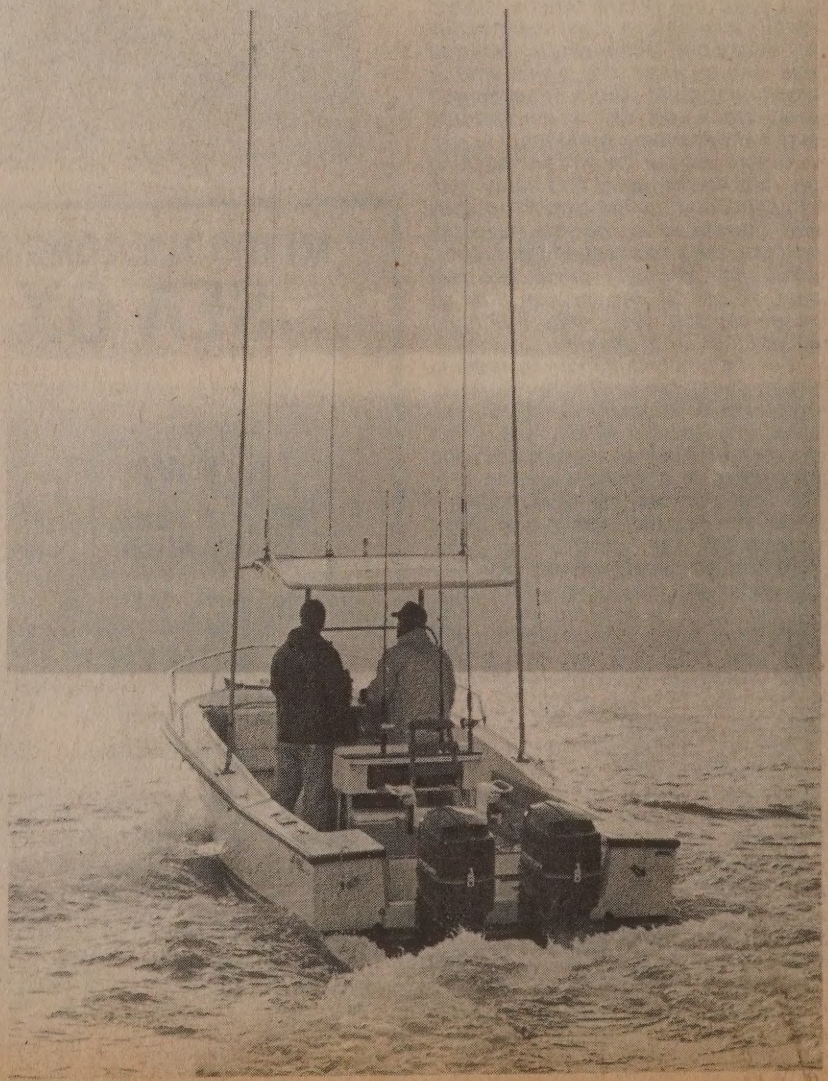

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Trim tabs should never be painted, or their protective value will be eliminated. Replace a tab before half of it is gone.

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Dear Eric,

I'm writing to you concerning the storage of outboard engine fuel over the winter months. A colleague of mine claims that modern gasolines (manufactured in the last couple of years) when in storage tend to break down into varnish and gum type products much more readily than gasolines made 5 or 10 years ago. Supposedly, this breakdown can take place on the order of weeks and not months. Can you comment on this subject and also on the value of gasoline storage stabilizers.

Joseph Smith.

Dear Joseph,

I don't believe gasoline will break down in a week, but it certainly can cause problems if left untreated in your fuel system over the winter. There are two products on the market that can be used to keep your gas fresh until spring. One is ***Stor-N-Start*** *and the other is* ***Sta-Bil****. They should be added to your full fuel tank per the manufacturer's recommendations when the boat is laid up for the winter. You should run the engine for a few minutes after the additive is in the fuel to be certain it has spread throughout the system.*

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Dear Eric,

The boat I bought has a CB radio and antenna. I intend to install both a Loran C and a VHF radio. Rather than have three 8 foot antennas, I am considering installing a 2 in 1 VHF/CB antenna. The people in the electronics store tell me that transmitting and receiving with both radios will be just as good as if I were using two separate antennas. I don't know anyone who uses the 2 in 1 antenna and would like to have your opinion.

Bob Pearce.

Dear Bob,

I don't know anyone personally who uses a combination VHF/CB antenna, so I also checked with some local marine electronics dealers. They all reported good results with this type of antenna and none reported any problems from customers who purchased them. One dealer said he sells more of these antennas each year as more people find out how well they work.

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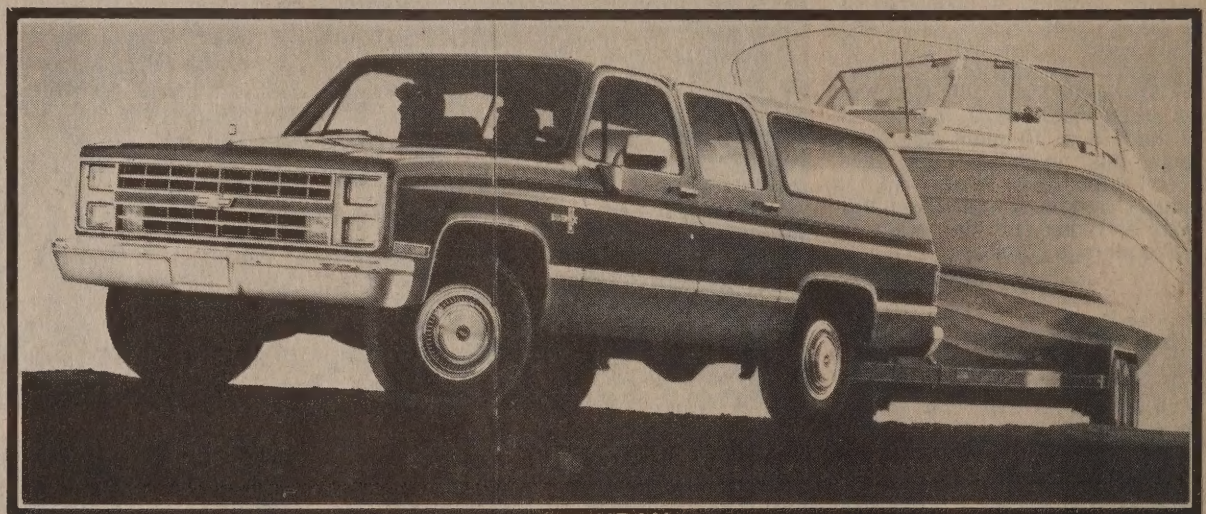

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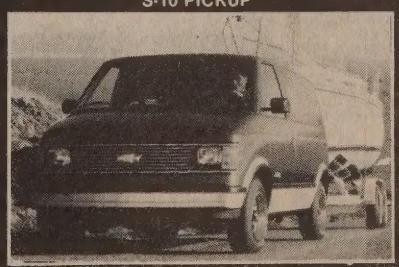

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THE 200 MILE LIMIT: WHERE WE STAND

Part Two—by Al Ristori

The skeptics said we'd never accomplish our purpose with the State Department and politically-powerful West Coast tuna industry on the other side. However, it was just a matter of educating the public to what was going on off our shores and getting those letters written. Our first objective was to convince fishermen that petitions are basically a waste of time except in a very localized situation where the individuals are known to the politicians involved. It's well known that people can be talked into signing petitions for practically anything and they indicate no commitment. On the other hand, each letter (not matter how short) requires a reply.

The Emergency Committee put out lots of materials providing information about how to write a letter to a congressman, and included the proper mailing addresses. At a meeting of the Babylon Tuna Club the secretary provided all writing materials and, after I discussed the problem, every member wrote a short letter to his senators and congressman. The secretary then gathered them up, stamped and mailed them. In that fashion we got hundreds of letters out then and there, instead of a few from those who remembered to write them after the meeting.

Within two years, support was building rapidly for the 200 mile limit. Almost all local congressmen supported our cause, with the notable exception of Senators Jacob Javits (R-NY) and Clifford Case (R-NJ). Due to the Soviet destruction of groundfish resources in the Pacific Northwest, Senator Warren Magnuson (D-WA) steered a 200 mile limit bill (S-1988) through his Commerce Committee in the Summer of 1974. The State Department-oriented Foreign Relations Committee disapproved it by a margin of one vote, and it went on to the Armed Service Committee for the "kiss of death." However, that committee approved the bill by a vote

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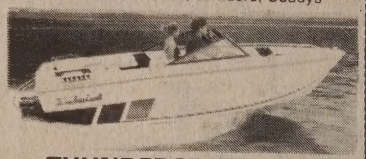

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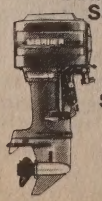

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of 8 to 6 despite the objections of Chairman John Stennis (D-MS).

On December 11, 1974, the first open vote was taken on a 200 mile limit bill, and S-1988 won easily n the Senate by 68 to 27. Javits and Case continued to oppose us, but our only remaining problem was getting a bill out of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and to the floor—where we knew we could win.

Rep. John Dingell (D-MI) was chairman of the committee at that time, and he attempted to block 200 mile limit bills with ineffective legislation of his own. The main bill, HR-200 by Rep. Gerry Studds (D-MA), had 170 cosponsors by that time, bu we could never get a floor vote. At a committee hearing I cited a letter from Captain Paul Forsberg of the Viking Fleet in Montauk stating that he reported three foreign vessels (probably East German) working 10 miles off Block Island on March 3, 1975, but the Coast Guard never responded and the foreigners stayed there all day.

Dealing with the problem of enforcing even the 12 mile limit at that time, I stated 'Violations of a 200 mile limit would probably be rare as almost all of our fishing grounds are located well within that limit. No longer would there be any question as to whether a vessel was 'just in or just out'. Major fishing nations have respected the extended jurisdictions of smaller countries and there is no reason to believe that they would chance sending a fleet thousands of miles to fish illegally." It seems incredible now, but many congressmen at that time actually thought there would be conflict as a result of enforcing a 200 mile limit against the Iron Curtain countries fishing off our shores. However, Rep. Thomas Downing (D-VA) remarked at this hearing that when Congress voted to adopt the 12 mile fisheries jurisdiction in 1966, the State Department opposed it with the same forecasts of disaster they were putting forth then.

Pressure continued to build, and on Oct. 9, 1975 HR-200 finally came to the House floor. The favorable vote was a resounding 208 to 101. Most Mid-Atlantic and New England coastal representatives voted for the bill with the notable exception of Badillo (D-NY), Bingham (D-NY), Holtsman (D-NY), Rangel (D-NY), and Scheuer (D-NY). Paired against were Fenwick (R-NJ) and Meyner (D-NJ).

Magnuson's revised S-961 came to a Senate vote on January 28, 1976 and passed by a vote of 77 to 12. Senator Clifford Case finally came over to the cause of marine conservation, but (to his eternal discredit) Jacob Javits continued to ignore the letters from his constituents and backed the State Department to the end.

After that it was just a matter of getting differences in the two bills worked out and the conference report back to each floor for a final vote. On March 29th the Senate approved the report by voice vote, and it sailed through the House by 346 to 52. Among the last ditch anti-conservationists were Badillo, Bingham and Chisholm (D-NY—absent but paired against).

On April 13, 1976, HR-200 was signed by President Gerald Ford over the continuing objections of his State Department. It was not a total triumph, because we had to make certain concessions as the bill progressed in order to ensure passage. At one point, all "oceanic" species were exempted from the bill in order that the West Coast tuna seiners could continue raiding the 200 mile limits of other countries while still enjoying the monetary benefits of the Fishermen's Protective Act.

Fortunately, Rep. Silvio Conte (R-MA) amended that definition to "tunas." By doing so, we were eventually able to exert some control over Japanese longliners because of their by-catch of billfish and sharks—oceanic species which fall under our control. Despite our best efforts, the tuna exemption still stands, but it makes no sense and will eventually be done away with. The task force appointed by the Administrator of NOAA last year to make recommendations for changes in the 200 mile limit law called for elimination of the tuna exemption.

To be sure, all has not gone well with the 200 mile limit legislation. The fishery management council system set up under it has never worked as well as it should and the gradual elimination of foreign fleets had led to such a build-up in American commercial boats that the pressure on such key species as cod and haddock is almost what it was in the "bad old days." However, that's another story—and something we can deal with internally.

Where would we be without the 200 mile limit? Most anglers today just don't realize how bad things were 10 and 15 years ago. Just about all bottom fishing was poor, there were few mackerel—and only such inshore species as bluefish and striped bass kept us going. Most of the species most severely impacted by the foreign fleets have come back to some extent. Cod and haddock fishing was very good until the domestic fleet built up to such an extent—and it's still better than in the mid-1970s when Captain Howard Bogan testified that he could count the number of cod caught all winter off the Jersey Coast on the fingers of one hand.

Mackerel have built up in such numbers that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has been allowing increasing numbers of joint venture fisheries in which foreign vessels buy a stated amount from American draggers and are allowed to also harvest a substantial quantity themselves. We didn't have a very good mackerel run inshore last year, but the scientists assure us that the stock is in very good shape and probably just migrated well offshore.

There's been a vast improvement in bottom fishing for fluke, porgies and

sea bass—all species which were caught while the foreigners were seeking other fish. Unfortunately, the whiting and ling have never returned to their previous superabundance, though we're a good deal better off now than 10 years ago. Herring have also come back, but not to anything near the abundance of the past. The numbers being reported in New York Bight this winter are very encouraging, as these are prime forage fish.

The impending problem with bluefin tuna was just becoming evident as we were fighting for the 200 mile limit. These fish were under a great deal of pressure from both Japanese longliners and American seiners. The Conte Amendment enabled us to finally deal with the Japanese and with the domestic seiners pulled off the school tuna, this species is starting to make a comeback after having been reduced to about 10 percent of their previous abundance.

Lots of problems remain, and there's no reason to suspect that we'll ever be able to stop fighting for marine conservation. If there was one good thing that came out of the foreign invasion of our waters, it was the proof that superabundant marine species could be fished down to a point where they were virtually eliminated from many areas and not abundant enough to fish for even in prime locations. Before that, many scientists disputed the possibility that fishing pressure could have such an effect in the oceans. The need for regulation is now obvious, but we still aren't to the point where we're willing to bite the bullet when necessary (the failure of the New England Fishery Management Council to prevent overfishing of cod and haddock being a case in point) and there's still a tendency to believe that abundant species such as bluefish will remain that way regardless of the pressure applied.

The battle for the 200 mile limit was a cause worth fighting for. Many of us gave up a good deal of time over a period of years in that effort, but I'm sure that none of those involved regret it. We took on the "establishment" and beat them while spending only a few thousand dollars in the effort. This was "people-power' at its best, and an example of what sportsmen can accomplish if they'll just pull together on issues.

There were many heros in this fight. At the annual banquet of the Rod & Gun Editors of Metropolitan New York in 1976, the Emergency Committee presented placques to key congressmen in the Metropolitan Area who helped push the 200 mile limit through. Rep. Norman Lent was the first to work in Congress for the limit, and he stayed with it to the end. Rep. Mario Biaggi (D-NY) was a key supporter on the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee. Rep. Matt Rinaldo (R-NJ) was an early sponsor who noted that he received more mail on the 200 mile limit in his landlocked New Jersey district than on any other subject—including inflation and the impeachment of the president!

However, few congressmen were as dedicated to this cause as the late Edwin Forsythe (R-NJ). In his quiet way, Forsythe accomplished a great deal as a senior Republican on the fisheries subcommittee. Marine sportsmen never had a better friend in Congress than Ed Forsythe, and he was working hard to ensure conservation of the bluefin tuna right up to the time he died.

As a result of our fight, marine sportsmen are in a far better position today than we were 15 years ago. Our voices are now heard in Washington, and we have some representation on the fishery management councils. Under the present administration, recreational fishing has been accorded equal status with the commercial industry within the National Marine Fisheries Service—and the previously antagonistic State Department has cooperated in pressuring the Japanese to accept bluefin tuna limitations. We're not there yet, but a good start has been made. Let's hope that sportsmen and all those associated with the recreational fishing industry won't just sit back now and wait for good things to happen. Working to win the small battles is every bit as important in the long run as winning the major ones that grab the headlines!

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by William A. Muller

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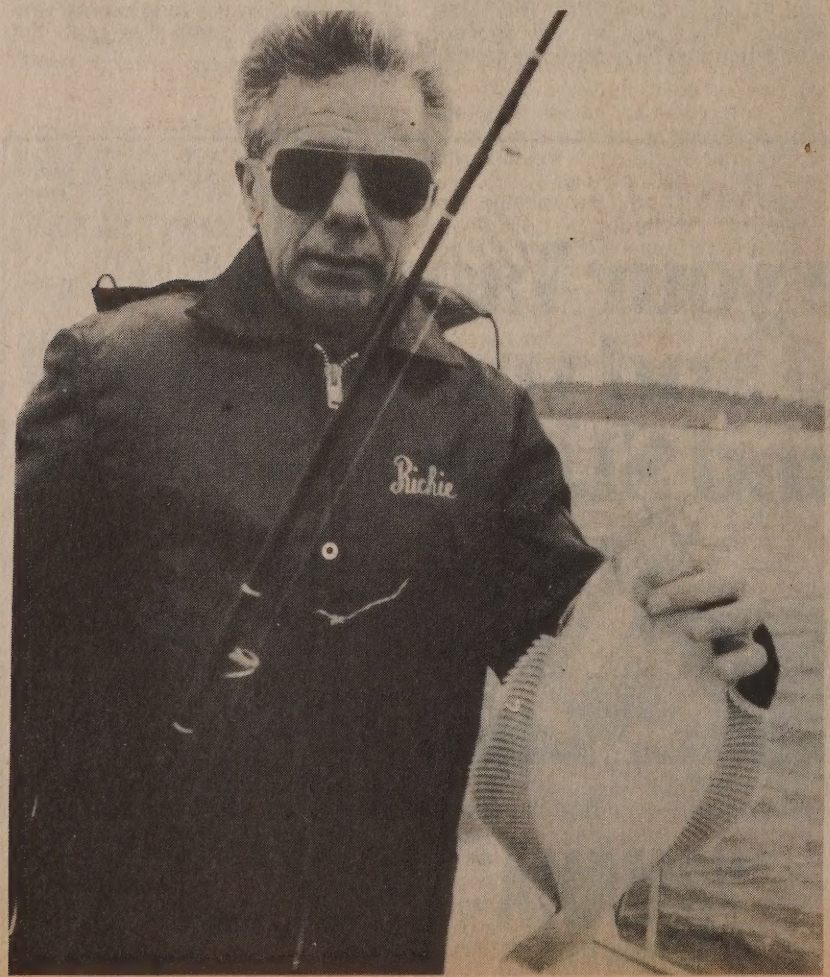

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We suggest you enter early so we can give the rules and regulations to you as well as your Stren line. That way you'll have time to study the simple rules and get that good line on the reel. In addition, you can make up a strategy about where and how you'll fish to win. Remember, prizes, first through tenth place are awarded for the 10 largest fish. Therefore, plan your fishing to catch a big one. Numbers aren't important for this contest.

Along those lines, let me offer a tip that I'd use if I could enter this contest. Where there are lots of little flounder, the wee ones tend to jump on the baits fast and that keeps bigger fish at bay. Try some areas that are known for big fish even though relatively few fish are caught per tide. Okay, then chum heavily, put a big long piece of bait on your hooks, and be patient.

In previous years we have all had a lot of fun and we sure hope you get into the act this year. If you have previously participated, we hope to see you again.

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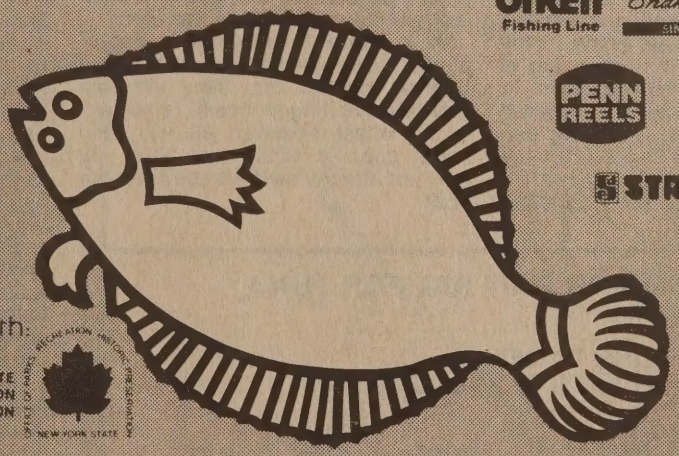

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THE TERMINAL END:
TUNA RIGS

by Russ Wilson

One tough customer is the tuna. Many fishermen, both novice and experienced, have discovered this fact the hard way, by hooking onto a big tuna and then finding out just what happens when you tangle with a fish that can do you in before you've had time to recover from the excitement of the strike.

Most tuna can do that to you. Tuna fishing is punishing and is addictive. Whether you want to or not, once you've tangled with a high strung bluefin or yellowfin and taken all it can give, you'll come back for another beating!

Finding tuna and getting them to eat is an entirely different ball game. Often you'll see large schools of school size "footballs" pushing water. These are the toughest fish you'll ever find. You can troll lures over, under and across their noses and come up empty. Jigging will occasionally put a fish or two in the box, but no matter how you look at it, jigging for tuna is hard work and not too rewarding under many situations.

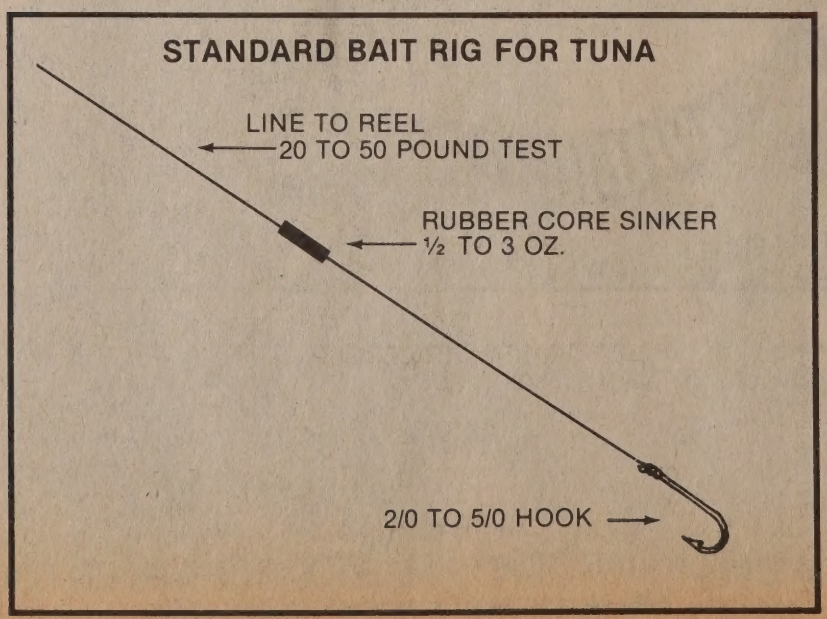
A lot of experienced charter and private boat skippers have only recently discovered that chunking is one of the most effective ways to catch the 60 to 125 pound tuna from middle range waters. Chunking has been popular among canyon runners for several years and chumming has always been a favorite method for catching the giant bluefins that inhabit offshore waters throughout the fall. But, no one bothered to try chumming or chunking the summer run tuna until a few years ago. Since then, the sport has gone full circle with most everyone who fishes for tuna using a combination of chunks and chum to attract the torpedeos with fins.

Tuna fish grow to very respectable sizes. The current World Record for bluefin tuna is now 1,496 pounds and is in serious danger of being broken again sometime during this coming season by a lucky fisherman who is dunking a live or dead bait into Atlantic Ocean waters.

There are bigger and bigger bluefins prowling ocean waters each year and it will not come as a surprise if someone eventually latches onto a bluefin that weighs close to a ton!

At last year's going rate of more than $10 a p;ound, that translates to something like $20,000 for the lucky angler who lands the big brute. More likely than not, the guy or gal who latches onto that brute is going to be in just as bad condition as the fish!

At any rate, tuna fishing is lots of fun for those who are up to the task of fighting big fish that bend the pole and cause aching muscles. To enjoy it to the fullest, however, you will need some specific equipment that you may not already have stashed on your boat.



Smaller bluefins, *Thunnus thynnus*, and yellowfins, *Thunnus albacares*, of 100 pounds or less, can be handled with 30 or 50 pound class tackle. They can also be fought to a standstill without the aid of a fighting chair. Bigger fish require stouter gear, a good fighting chair and the full cooperation of captain, crew and angler.

The yellowfin, or allison, inhabits warm waters of the world and is migratory, as are most tuna. The current all tackle record for yellowfin is 388¾ pounds and was taken from waters off Mexico during April, 1977.

The current world record bluefin was boated in October, 1979 and as expected, was caught off Nova Scotia.

The body configuration of all tuna fish makes the fish look like it is going full throttle even when the fish isn't moving. Built like a torpedo with fins, all tuna will test you and your tackle to the limit and then do it all over again, and again!

You just don't hoist 1,000 pounds of tail thumping tuna into the boat like you might do when catching blues, bonito or false albacore. Big fish require caution. Flying gaffs are a must, tail ropes will help and even then you will still face the task of getting the fish from the water and into the boat. Charter captains and owners of large sport fishing boats can haul fish aboard by using a gin pole and pulley.

Those of us who own smaller boats do not have this luxury and will have to tow the fish back to port or call for help and hope that some other angler is willing to stop fishing and come to our aid. But, that's after the battle and as noted at the start, catching the fish is first and foremost.

Tuna are a fish of the open seas and are found in all oceans of the world at varying seasons throughout the year. Along the northeast Atlantic, our tuna fishing will generally get under way in June and will continue until ocean waters chill enough to send the tuna off to warmer climates. Some years, when weather turns cold early, this migration starts as early as October and other years, with moderate weather, the tuna linger until mid or late in November.

Voracious feeders, tuna require a constant source of readily available food fish such as small blues, anchovies, whiting, butterfish, ling, squid, mackerel, menhaden, and most any other fish they can catch and eat.

Find the schools of baitfish inhabiting middle range offshore waters and you'll generally have a better than average chance at catching yellowfin or bluefin tuna.

There is no doubt that chumming and chunking with bunker or butterfish is the ticket to success on the tuna grounds. A lot of savvy tuna fishermen have discovered in recent years that chumming is not only a more effective way to catch these hard fighting fish, but it is also much less expensive than trolling for hours and using a hundred or more gallons of high cost diesel oil or gasoline.

Some sharpies at catching tuna will use only chunks of butterfish or bunker (menhaden) while others, equally successful at fishing for bluefin, yellowfin or bigeye, will utilize a chum slick of ground up bunker and spice the slick with chunks of bunker, butterfish or mackerel.

When fishing for inshore bluefins or yellowfins, we normally carry at least one 5 gallon bucket of frozen chum, a couple flats of fresh or frozen butterfish, some bunker and mackerel and a supply of fresh or frozen spearing, sand launce or smelt.

Tactics for rigging and using the smaller baits will be covered along with the standard bait rigs for catching tuna.

Quite often, especially when a lot of boats are crowded onto a limited structure area, the addition of smaller baitfish to the chum slick will get he fish into a feeding frenzy. Under these conditions, savvy tuna fishermen who go that extra step will be catching while others, using the larger chunks of butterfish or bunker serve as spectators.

All members of the tuna fish clan are blessed with keen vision. They can spot heavy line or large hooks and will shun any offering that doesn't appear natural as it drifts in the chum slick. That's why it pays to carry some lightweight tackle as well as the standard 30, 50, or 80 pound class outfits. There are times when it is absolutely necessary to drop down to 30 pound test leaders just to get the tuna interested in your offerings.

Last summer for instance, we were fishing the inshore edge of the Mud Hole off New Jersey along with at least 50 other hopefuls. The yellowfins were spooked by the constant drone of engines as boats moved from one spot to another or by the commotion as other boats moved in to join those already anchored and chunking.

It was tough fishing. We had yellowfins of 50 to 100 pounds moving in and out of the slick and could see them snatching up chunks of butterfish as they passed by our anchored position. Our leaders were 50 pound test and we had dropped to small, short shank 4/0 tuna style hooks in the hope that it might improve our chances of hooking up.

All to no avail. After more than two hours of watching tuna swim through

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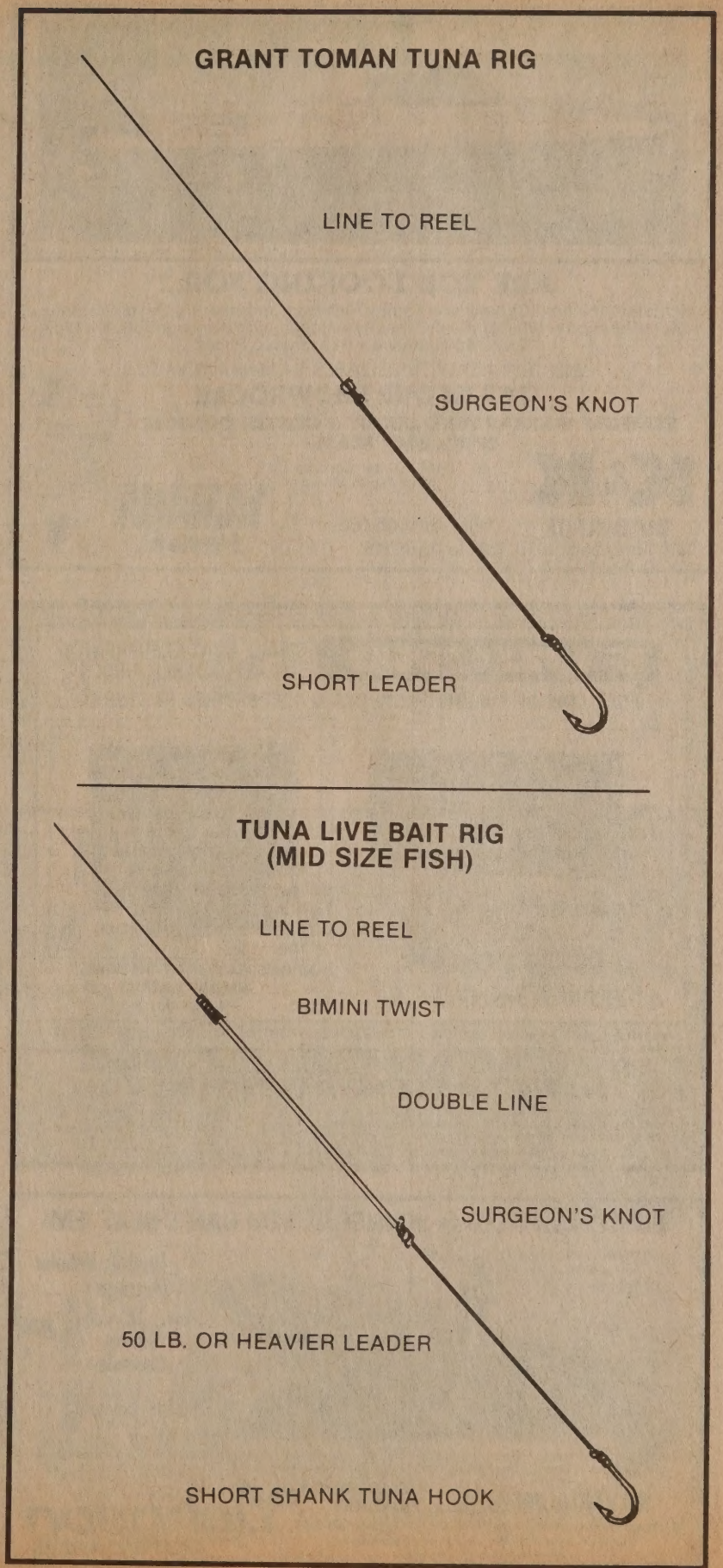

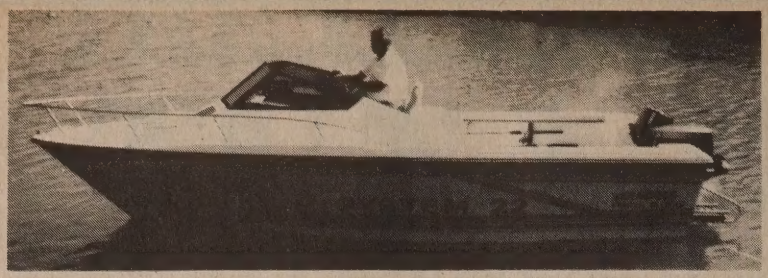

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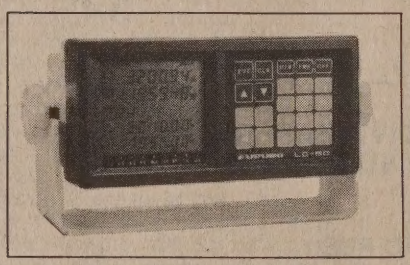

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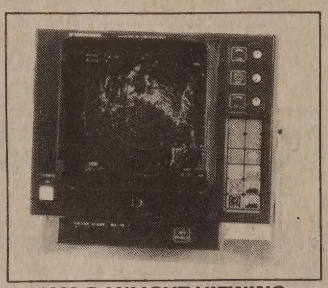

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the slick, we still had not had one pick up. Those keen-eyed tuna weren't having any of that foolishness. Only after going to 30 pound test leaders and 3/0 silver hooks did we finally get into the fish. And then, to make matters even worse, the fish proved to be too much for our light leaders and we broke off more than we boated.

There is no doubt that tuna fishing can be extremely frustrating. At the same time, however, the rewards certainly do make for some very exciting action.

It is impossible to cover all facets of rigging for tuna in one column. This time around we'll try to hit all bases for anglers who fish specifically for the smaller fish of up to 200 lbs. When hunting the giants, you'll have to beef up the tackle and go with similar bait rigs that utilize heavier leaders and larger hooks. Otherwise, the terminal rigging is basically the same, only the size fish will change.

Remember, however, that these are rigs that are used by anglers who fish live, dead or chunk baits. When trolling, jigging or casting to tuna on or near the surface, you will be rigging differently.

Standard Bait Rig for Tuna: Most of today's saltwater fishermen are into using light tackle whenever possible. When seeking tuna it is not only the more sporting way to fish, but usually much more effective since the lighter gear will certainly yield more hits.

Smaller tuna, yellowfin, or bluefin, shy away from heavy leaders that stand out like a hawser. Go to the 30, 40, and 50 pound monofilament leaders in a clear finish. You can tie your hook directly to the running line, and a lot of knowledgeable tuna-fishermen do; however, there are better ways to attach the hook while still maintaining the low visibility factor.

We like to use bronzed hooks when fishing for skipjack, false albacore (little tunny) or bonito, but will normally go with a silver hook when the target is bluefin or yellowfin.

Small hooks, in sizes 2/0 through 5/0 in silver or chromed finish, offer low visibility and can be placed so they are hidden in the bait and will not stand out like a sore thumb when used with shiny baits such as butterfish, bunker chunks, or small live baits such as tinker mackerel.

We'll use an improved clinch or regular clinch knot when tying direct to the running line. Lighter pound test lines can be tied using the standard 6 or 7 time around method, but if you are rigging with 50 pound test or heavier line you have to cut down on the number of turns or the knot cannot be drawn tight. When using 50, 60 or heavier pound test mono we'll use 3 or 4 turns, moisten the loose knot and then pulll it tight.

The most popular hook is the regular tuna style model. This hook has a short shank, is triple strong, and is used by many charter skippers who make a living fishing for tuna.

Short Leader Bait Rig for Tuna: Grant Toman of the Reel Seat Tackle

Shop in Point Pleasant, New Jersey turned us on to this technique. Toman uses a short trace of heavy leader material between his lightweight running line and hook.

Toman's tuna rig starts off with a short piece of clear leader material in whatever pound test he feels is necessary for that particular situation. He attaches the leader to his running line by using a surgeon's knot which is less visible than the Bimini, which is the basic knot used when forming a double line and is not as hard to tie when aboard a boat that is bouncing or rolling. He then ties on a Japanese style tuna hook (not the circular styly) using a regular clinch knot.

The short trace of heavier leader does not affect the natural action of Toman's baits, but due to its harder outer coating, does keep the number of bite-offs to a minimum.

Toman's method of rigging is similar to the techniques used by record seeking fly rodders who fish light leaders but must have a short "shocker" between the leader and fly to combat bite-offs and line cuts from toothy critters and other species of fish that have sharp gill plates. The technique is equally effective when used by tuna fishermen who must use very light line in order to get the fish to respond.

Tuna Live Bait Rig: Live lining is another extremely effective way to put tuna in the box. We've used live baits for catching inshore tuna for more than 20 years and prefer the live offerings over a dead or chunk bait by a wide margin.

There really isn't too much difference in the basic rig for live lining except for the way each bait is presented.

Small offerings such as spearing, snapper bluefish or small tinker mackerel cannot be rigged on heavy leaders or impaled on a 7/0 triple X hook and still look natural. When using the lightweight baits you'll need hooks in size 1/0 through 4/0. However, since most inshore tuna will weigh less than 100 pounds and quite often will not exceed 50 pounds, you really do not need heavyweight tackle or big hooks.

When using live bluefish, chub mackerel or large menhaden (bunker), it is necessary to beef up the terminal tackle. but, since you are generally fishing for larger tuna with the bigger live baits, the addition of a 7/0 to 9/0 hook will not seriously hamper the natural swimming action of the baitfish.

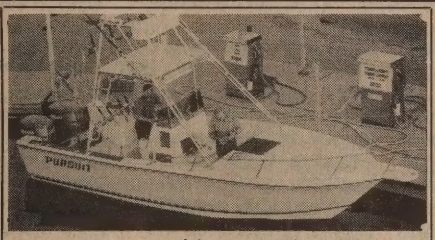
We do rig the hooks on a heavier leader. Often we'll go to 50 or 60 pound test when fishing inshore and may rig with 200 or 250 when working the offshore waters where bigger bluefins, yellowfins or bigeye tuna are likely to be found. Occasionally, a rubber core sinker is necessary to get the live baits down to depths inhabited by the tuna. Savvy tuna fishermen will normally carry a selection of rubber core or wraparound sinkers in weights of 1/2 to 3 ounces.

We normally tie in 15 to 20 feet of shock leader by using a Bimini to double the running line and a surgeon's knot to attach the heavier leader material. Some tuna hunters will use a ball bearing swivel between the line and leader to cut down on line twist and this is certainly best when fishing for larger tuna, but not really necessary when the primary target is smaller fish of under 50 pounds.

The short shank tuna style hook can be inserted forward of the dorsal fin of the baitfish or it can be placed through the eyes, into the mouth of the bait and then brought out so the barb can be inserted into a gill plate or just pushed through the nostrils of the bait.

There is a lot more to baiting tuna and with each trip to the tuna grounds, you'll pick up tidbits of information that will enable you to increase your scores. But, for now, try these basic rigs and you should be in a position to take advantage of any tuna action that happens your way.

Keep in mind, however, that all of the rigs we've described are designed for catching smaller tuna. If you want to fish the giants you'll have to go with heavier terminal rigs, doubled line and specific knots intended for use with heavy line. Some rigs will also require crimped sleeves for additional strength.



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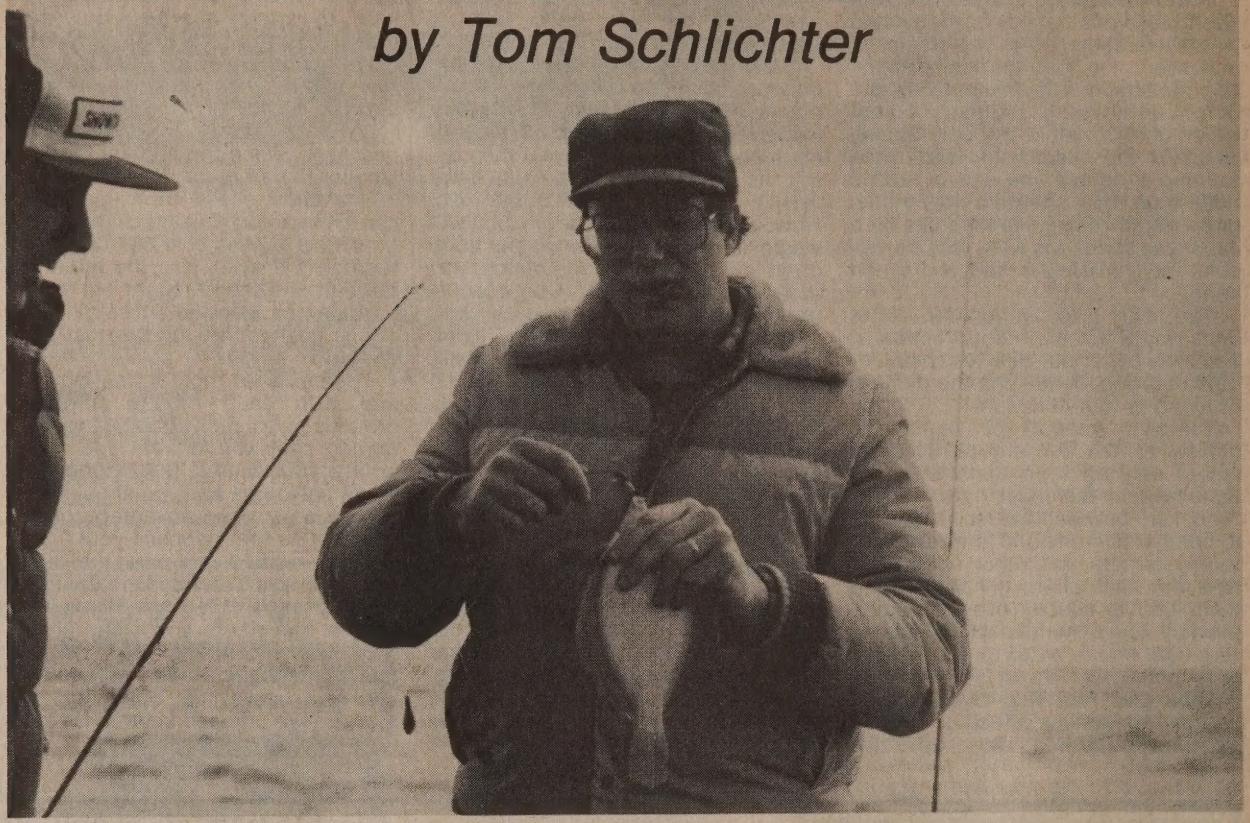

The sting of a crisp night's April wind told me it wasn't quite time to start weakfishing. Indeed, the chill winds had blown consistently for almost three full days and I knew that, although a few tiderunners had been taken in gill nets, the fish had probably not even begun to spawn. Still, curiosity (or maybe boredom) had gotten the better of me and I felt compelled to drive down to a small Patchogue dock to see if there was any bait in the water.

Taking my flashlight from the glove compartment, I could feel my skin tighten from the cold was I walked to the dock's edge. The street lamp was out, broken by local youths as it was most springs, and with the heavy cloud cover the moon wasn't going to be any help. I flashed the light on the water and quickly noticed a few small minnows holding close to the dock's edge.

A large grass shrimp floated its way into the light. Heading for the dock, it glided effortlessly, steering around a thin piece of weed. I watched it for a minute and then turned the light on the ratty boards to see if there were many more shrimp around. As I expected, there were hundreds of the small crustaceans holding to the moss covered slabs of wood. What I hadn't expected to see, however, were two small flounder cruising slowly, bellies against the dock, not more than a foot uder the surface. Surprised to see flatties so far off the bottom at night, much less swimming vertically, I watched quietly as they made their way along the boards. After a minute or so, it became apparent what was going on. The flatties were sucking in the small grass shrimp.

Naturally, the next weekend saw me down at the dock, armed with a day's supply of grass shrimp. I had fished the same location a week before with the usual assortment of worms, mussels and clam, but had not taken a fish in three hours time. Perhaps the flatties were feeding only on the shrimp. While I would like to report that I slaughtered the flatties that day, I only scored with two fish. Still, that was twice as well as I had done on my previous outing and the worm baits that I had also brought along did not even provoke a single nibble.

Flounder fishing is steeped in tradition. In fact, it is such a ritual and usually so productive, that few anglers ever wander from the tried and proven methods and baits. While bottom rigs are always going to produce the best catches of these delicious flatfish, many anglers would be intrigued to learn that baits other than seaworms, clam and mussel can be quite productive at times. Some can even outproduce the standards on a regular basis. Piggyback snails are such an example.

Back in the late 1970s and early 1980s, I worked as a clammer to help raise some of my college tuition money. Had I raked a little harder and fished a little less, my need for a student loan would probably have been reduced considerably. Though I may not have been the most industrious clammer on the bay, I was one of the more frugal and, lest using chowder or necks for baits cut into my earnings, I learned to use piggyback snails for flattie bait. So effective were these small mollusks that for several years I used them almost exclusively to wreak havoc on Great South Bay flounder.

I remember one March morning when I was digging in heavy shells off Barrett Beach with my good friend Charlie Corriss. Each haul of the rake produced 10 or 12 clams, and a dozen or so oyster shells. Many of the shells had piggyback snails attached to them and so at lunch time, we broke a few off and baited up. The results were fabulous! Would you believe we nailed over 50 flounder in the next three hours, every one over a pound and several close to the 2 lb. mark: of course, we each finished the day with only two pecks of clams.

While I rarely clam any more, I still try to grab any piggybacks I come across. If you know someone who works as a clammer, they won't be too

hard to get hold of. Otherwise, you'll have to settle for finding a few along the beach from time to time. Getting them on your hook takes a little practice, but once you know the trick, it becomes fairly routine. Assuming you gather a few piggy back snails, the first step is to separate them from their host shell. This is done by applying a thumb or second shell against its side and simply pushing the piggyback until it slides off its host. Now look inside the piggyback and you will see the soft meat of the snail exposed. The trick is to grab this flesh with the point of your hook and then lift it slightly off the shell. Don't apply too much pressure with the hook or the meat will tear. Next, turn the hook 180 degrees and insert it into the meat deeper in the shell, wrapping the snail flesh around the hook in the process. Now pull the hook slowly (opposite to the piggyback shell) and the meat should slide right out. Thread the remainder of the meat on the hook and you're set to go. Of course, leave an inch or so of meat trailing off the hook to help entice any finicky fish.

Early in the spring season and again late in the fall, blood and sand worms become very hard to find. In fact, in the fall, many shops simply no longer carry the worms because the flattie runs have been thin the last few years. At these times, earthworms or garden worms can become a good supplement to the usual clam or mussel offerings. While the saltwater will quicky bleach the pigmentation from these creatures, necessitating frequent bait changes, they can easily be gathered from under logs, slates or cinderblocks in your yard, or from curbside after any soaking rain—and the price is right. Many flounder pounders report better catches when a strip of clam or mussel is on one hook and a second hook is adorned with a worm segment. Why this is, I'm not sure, but who would argue with success? As long as the worms are free, it can't hurt to bring them along and give the flatties a choice. Just like their saltwater counterparts, earthworms and night crawlers should be threaded up the shank of the hook with a half to one inch trail end left dangling.

Most flounder pounders are well aware that corn kernels are an excellent form of shallow water chum. In any place where the current is light or water less than 8 feet deep, kernels tossed slightly upcurrent should settle directly under the boat and help get the action started. In addition to making good chum, corn kernels can also serve as bait.

One day in Hart's Cove (Moriches Bay), I was having a rough time taking my share of flatties. The initial action had started out pretty good. The tide was moving well—a little too strong for corn chum I figured—and so I filled my chum pot with cracked mussels and sent it over the side. I had strategically positioned my boat about 40 yards down current from another fisherman who I saw stirring up the bottom with a plunger attached to a long pole. I figured as he worked the stirred up silt might also perk up any flounder in my area. As I dropped my Chestertown tandem rig over the side, I observed the other angler dump nearly half a can of corn kernels over the transom of his boat. This he repeated every half hour or so. Of course, that corn chum wasn't going to do him a whole lot of good since the tide would wash the kernels down my way—but I certainly wasn't going to complain about that.

My early optimism quickly faded, however, as I nailed two fish right off the bat and then went fishless for half an hour. Time to experiment. I replaced one of the worm baits with a piece of clam. No go. Next, I tried clam on one hook and mussel the other. Nothing. Okay, I said to myself, time for the secret weapon. I reached into my bucket of clams and found a piggyback snail. This will do the trick I thought, confidently lowering it to the bottom. Still no nibbles.

Exasperated, I sat down to think of what else those fish could be feeding on. With no real clues, I decided it was time to investigate and slit open one of the flounder. It was stuffed literally to the gills with about 20 kernels of corn! Obviously, the flatties had filled up on the chum tossed over by the other fisherman nearly 40 yards away!

Within 5 minutes I had changed my hooks to #8 Sproats, baited each with two kernels of corn and nailed a flattie. I finished up the next two hours taking more than a dozen fish before heading for home. Upon examination of my catch at home, I found each fish to be filled with the small yellow pieces. Interestingly, none of the fish had inhaled any of my mussel chum.

Autopsies are a great way to discover just what the fish are feeding on. When fishing is tough, it's a good idea to cut open a fish or two right on the spot just to see what's going on under your boat. Even on days when you score well, examining the stomach contents of a few fish when you get home might provide some clues to better fishing in the future. I make it a point to regularly check one or two fish from each batch I clean. And these examinations turn up some real surprises. Would you believe in the stomach of flounder I have, in addition to the abovementioned, discovered small (one inch) sand eels and tiny calico crabs—not to mention objects that could not be identified. While I haven't yet used these particular findings for bait, they are stored away in the old memory banks for future application because you never know when you might need to have a trick or two up your sleeve. And besides, if you never check your fish, you'll likely end up like so many other fishless anglers, never having a clue as to where to begin when the traditional baits simply fail to produce.

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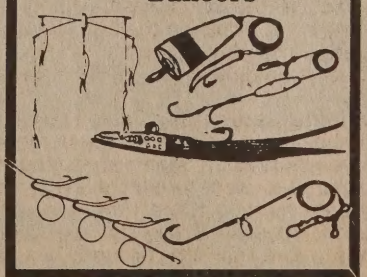

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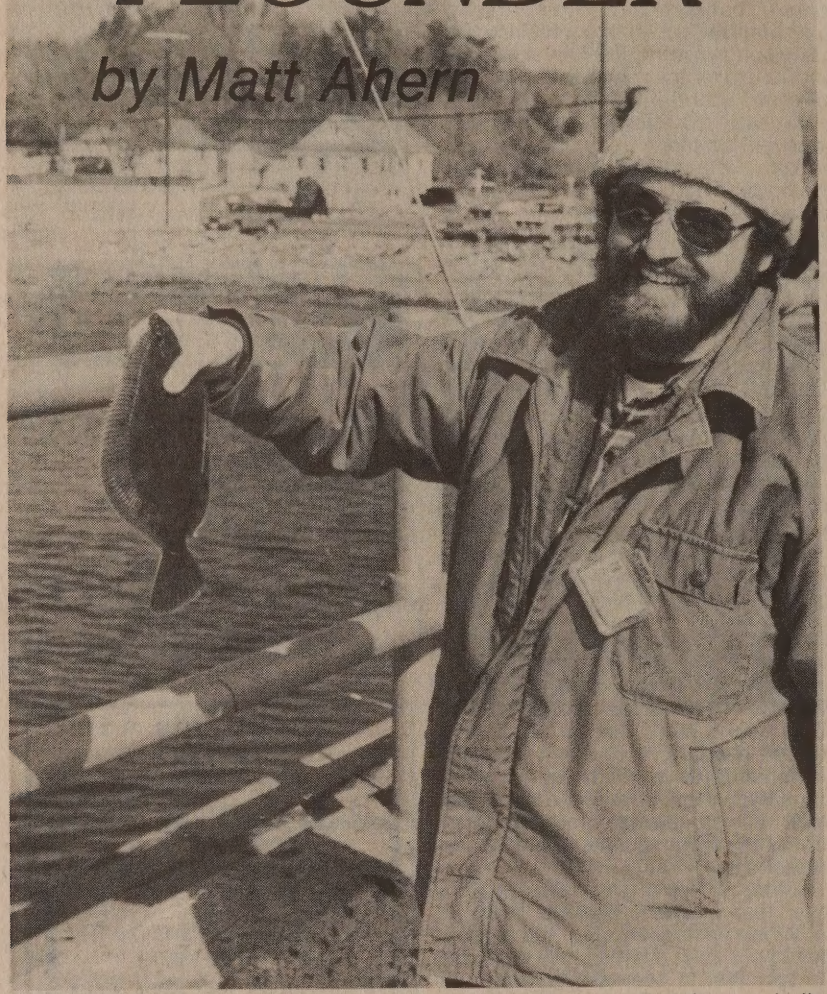
SHOREBOUND FLOUNDER

by Matt Ahern



Sad to say, there are sinker bouncers who tell me they feel shore fishing for flounder a waste of time. In fact, many fishermen, like my buddy Artie Leidecker, for instance, tell me they wouldn't be caught doing it. But then fellows like me don't own a neat 30 footer which enables guys like me to satisfy the whim of the moment and run offshore to the latest hotspot and search out cod, blackfish and fluke—not to mention mackerel, ling, whiting, sea bass, and porgies. So most of us fellows take our fishing where and how we can. And if that means standing on a lonely bulkhead, or wherever the chances for a fish or two look good, so be it. I've certainly done my share of it over the years.

You know, there have been times when I've had more success flounder fishing from shore than I have had when fishing from a skiff or party boat. Not too often, perhaps, but there have been occasions when I amazed myself at the amount of fish I caught just by casting from a bulkhead or wharf into a deep water creek or canal.

Because I've been amazed by my results from time to time doesn't mean shore fishing is easy; that there's nothing to it. As with everything else in fishing, you've got to know what you're doing. Oh, sure, if you're lucky and hit upon one of those days when the fish bite on everything but the anchor, you'll wonder what all the fuss is about. But there aren't many days like that, although to read some stories about fishing, these extraordinary days are quite common. Perhaps they are for some—but as for me, not so. Few and far between is more like it. I can also tell you that at day's end I've always come away with the feeling that I've earned every fish in my bucket. Maybe it's me; I don't know.

Where you intend to do your shore flounder fishing this spring, I have no idea; but that doesn't matter because what applies to one area will apply in another. And because this is so, I can tell you how I go about putting a few shore-caught flounder in the bucket, which, in turn, will assure you of doing the same.

I suppose one of the most important bits of information I can give you on shore fishing for flounder is that our flat friend must be hunted. Many shore fishermen are unaware of this—indeed, there are also skiff fishermen to whom this fact will come as a bit of enlightenment. But it is true. Therefore, the next time you go shore fishing for flounder and good results are not immediately forthcoming, recall what you've just read. Doing so may well make or break your day.

In fact, if you've been shore fishing for any length of time, I'm sure you've had days when you swore up and down there were no fish around. And what happened? Along came a fellow angler who parked himself nearby and with one cast showed you the fish were only a dozen yards away. Don't tell me how you felt. I know. It has happened to all of us, and will happen again; so don't feel too bad. But the chances of this sorry event happening again will be greatly lessened if you remember to move about your fishing area if and when it is possible to do so.

It is better to cast to the deepest water in the area being fished, and to do this a medium weight spinning outfit is best. A matching reel filled with 10 to 15 pound test good quality monofilament line will do the job. I know some fellows will claim this type of gear is much too heavy. They have a point, of course. But I find that when shore fishing many areas (Shinnecock Canal comes to mind), it is common for the rig to hang-up on assorted bottom obstructions. Using slightly heavier than normal gear will help you salvage many rigs that otherwise would be lost due to light tackle parting at the least bit of extra strain. But as the man says: yer pays yer money and yer takes yer choice. I do know one thing, though: there will always be those of us who need convincing—the hard way!

Sinker weight will vary depending upon current strength in your particular fishing area. A bank sinker of two ounces is usually sufficient—sometimes less. Should your fishing area contain currents which require a sinker of three ounces or more, I would think of fishing elsewhere. You'll have easier fishing, too.

Incidentally, it is a good idea to carry extra terminal tackle. No matter how fishermen strive to avoid underwater obstructions, in some areas it is just about impossible to do so. More than one disgusted fisherman has had to quit just when the fish decided to go on a feeding binge, all because he failed to bring along extra gear. If you're near a tackle shop, or a close by friendly fisherman, this may not mean all that much to you.

Two #9 or #10 Chestertown hooks, or two #6 regular-shanked Sproats

(Mustad style 3366), which is what I use, should be tandem tied for best results and placed about two inches above the sinker. Use a one inch double overhand loop for this. To tandem tie, simply bend the snell of one hook at its middle and pass this fold through the knotted loop of the second hook. Run the second hook through the first fold and draw up tightly. Secure with a common overhand knot. Takes but seconds, but first practice a few times.

The use of a three-way swivel is optional. Some fellows swear by them, but as for me, I'll stick to that one inch dropper loop. Over 60 years ago I was told that the less hardware one used for bottom fishing, the better. I have yet to find one instance where this astute observation was wrong. So I repeat it now. It is one of the best tips I can give you and it will serve you well over the years—and also put more fish in that bucket!

Many times casting out to those deeper spots will cause the hooks to wrap around the main line (especially on a windy day). Simple solution. Instead of an end loop, use a sinker snap and place both hooks and sinker together. If you don't have a sinker snap, use an oversized snap swivel. You may lose some sensitivity and "flounder-feel," but not enough to concern yourself. Far better to do this than to fret continuously as to whether or not your hooks are on bottom—where they must be to catch flounder.

Flounder take a variety of baits, and you will notice most experienced fishermen bring along several kinds. These fellows leave nothing to chance. Nor should you. The more bait selection you have, the better your chance of success.

Probably the most often used flounder baits are sand and bloodworm, but this does not say they are necessarily the best. Flounder will often shun worm and take hard, soft, and skimmer clam over all else. Bring along a supply of bank mussel, if possible—especially when spring flounder fishing. Tough to keep on the hook when casting, but you'll find them hard to beat.

In springtime, flounder often show a preference for soft clam (steamers). These are easily obtained in fish markets—although if you know an area where they can be dug, so much the better, these seem to produce better than those bought in markets. (I don't know why, except that it is so.)

Preparing soft clam for bait is no great problem as they are easily removed from the shell. Use the neck-like siphon and the "ribbon" around the edge of the shell. The soft stomach can be mixed with the shells and used for chum if it is possible to do so in your intended fishing area.

Depending upon size, the neck of the soft clam should be cut lengthways into two or more pieces. Remove the black skin by peeling. The "ribbon" should be cut into 1¼ inch slices. The hook is run two or three times through either of these baits and the barb allowed to protrude. Be sure to allow at least a third of an inch to wiggle in the current. This is what flounder cannot resist.

And don't forget the fish-catching ability of red worms and night crawlers; these are often obtainable locally or by mail order ads in fresh-water fishing magazines. These worms will often outfish other baits on certain phases of the tide. I wish I could tell you what those phases are, but I can't. This is because they vary from day to day. It is best to experiment by using one of these worms on one hook and clam on the other. This is what I do when I have night crawlers along.

You will notice that the farther east you fish on Long Island, the larger the average flounder will be. This is not to say that there are no large flounder except on eastern Long Island. The largest flounder I ever caught in inland waters was one that weighed well over three pounds, and it came from Island Park's Schaeffer's Creek some years ago. Except for ocean-going snowshoe flounder, I have never topped this weight. But all in all, your chances for catching bigger fish are greatly increased the farther east you fish.

Next week we'll take a look at skiff fishing for flounder.

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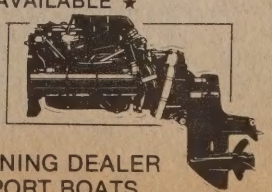

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TUNA TUG OF WAR

by Pete Barrett

The introduction of the West Coast style stand-up tuna rods hit the East Coast like a tidal wave sweeping anglers, tackle shops and custom rod builders into a new era of big game fishing. Fishermen from Maine to Hatteras purchased the stand-up rods at record breaking sales for many tackle shops and the rods are now being used for inshore bluefins, canyon yellowfins and bigeye, and by shark anglers looking for that huge "jaws" catch of a lifetime.

I can't remember another tackle breakthrough that caused so much interest on such a large scale. Sabre rods is generally credited with popularizing the rods on the East Coast and it took only two tackle sales seasons before every major manufacturer had introduced their own versions of the stand-up style rods. There are now literally dozens of stand-up rods to choose from and the choices are wide and varied—also confusing. By mail and at boat shows, readers are asking advice about "which rod is best?" "which one should I buy?"

There is also some confusion about what the stand-up rods can and can't do. When used as they were designed they perform superbly, but like any fishing rod they aren't perfect for all types of tuna or big game fishing. The rods were originally built for use on party boats in California making long range trips to the Baja Coast.

Traditional big game rods with long stout tips offered little leverage against these big fish. They were designed to perform in a fight chair, not as stand-up rods. Early experiments with shoulder harnesses and belly gimbal belts didn't help the situation very much. In fact, on a long fight, the shoulder harness caused more fatigue of the back muscles because the pull of the rod against the harness actually yanked the angler off balance and made the fish fighting experience a grueling one.

Some inventive angler realized the fishing rod was like a seesaw. If both sides of the seesaw are about even, it takes little effort to keep it working. Grabbing hold of the rod higher up the blank increased the leverage for the fisherman and made the fight easier. Even an East Coast bluefisherman would use this technique, grabbing a rod higher on the blank to lift a big fish over the rail. Ideally, if the distance from the gimbal to the hand grip could match the distance from the grip to the rod tip, the rod would function like a well balanced seesaw, and the fight would much easier on the fisherman.

This balancing of the pulling forces of the angler and the fish is the basic idea behind the West Coast style rods. They've been designed to let the fisherman grip the rod closer to the balancing center of the "seesaw" action while fighting a fish.

To take full advantage of these rods, however, some extra gear is needed. The angler should wear a wide paneled gimbal belt as low on his thighs as possible. This increases the angler's side of the "seesaw" and puts more pressure on the angler's legs which are far stronger than his arms. A kidney style fighting harness completes the trio of necessary equipment and allows the fisherman to use his body and legs against the fish instead of weaker arms.

The goal is to make fighting the fish as fatigue-free as possible. Does it work? Big game tackle gurus Bill Shedd and Greg Stotesbury of AFTCO proved it dramatically at the recent New York Boat Show with a simple experiment. Using a special scale

with digital readouts to show pounds of pull, Bill and Greg were able to show how each style rod functioned under conditions similar to real fishing situations.

Strapping me into a gimbal belt they had me pull on a standard trolling rod to maintain a steady pressure of 40 pounds. Within a few seconds my arms started to shake with the effort of maintaining that pressure. Switching to a stand-up type rod, it was dramatically easier to arc the rod and maintain that 40 pounds of pull for several minutes with no arm shake.

Both outfits were fitted with 300 pound test mono so I also measured the maximum pull I could register on the scale. With a standard trolling rod I hit the 80 pound mark but could not hold that pressure for any length of time. With the stand-up rod I applied over 90 pounds of pressure and could hold it with little or no discomfort.

Actually this last test is nearly meaningless in the real world of fishing. Typical outfits for tuna fishing would have 50 or 80 pound test line on the reels with drag settings of 15 or 24 pounds. That's all the pressure the angler can apply before the drag slips. The important point here is that the stand-up rods will allow the fisherman to hold that maximum drag setting with far less fatigue then with a trolling style rod.

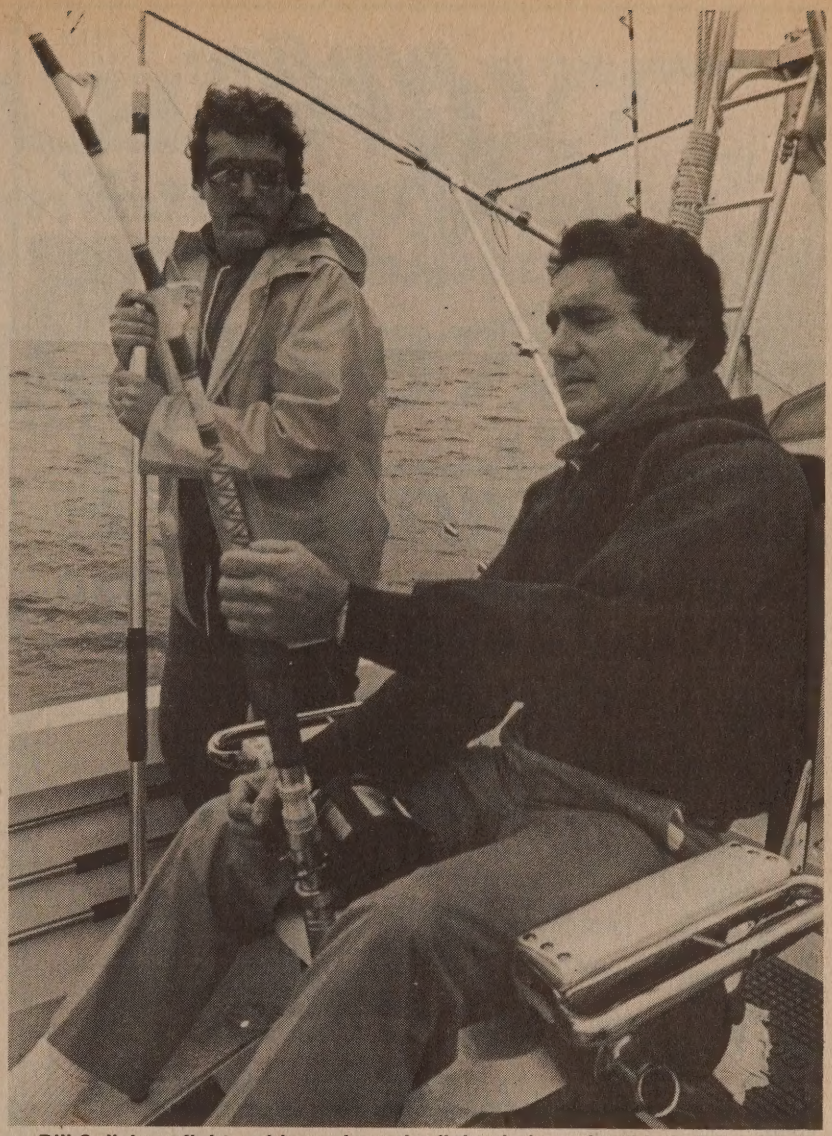
On a battle with a bigeye or yellowfin in excess of 100 lbs., many anglers fold under the pressure within 2 or 3 minutes when using a standard trolling rod. Yet that same fisherman can slug it out toe-to-toe for over an hour with the stand-up style rods with their greater mechanical advantage to the fisherman; especially if the fisherman is using the proper gimbal belt and kidney harness.

For stand-up fishing, West Coast style rods with the longer butts and extended foregrips are clearly superior to the traditional trolling rod. Does this make the "old-fashioned" rods ancient history? No way, and the second part of Bill and Greg's testing shows why.

They also had a fight chair installed at the show and while seated in the chair, pulling with the same standard trolling rod that gave me arm shakes while standing up, I was able to maintain 40 pounds of pull with far less arm fatigue. But, that's not exactly how a fight chair was designed to be used.

Once seated in the chair with a fanny bucket under my butt and harnessed to the reel lugs, I could use my legs to apply pressure. There was virtually no fatigue at all and it was far less effort to maintain 40 pounds of pull in the fight chair than it was when pulling 40 pounds with the stand-up rod and kidney harness.

Just for comparison's sake I was able to maintain nearly 120 pounds of pressure with no fatigue and could have gone beyond that with a properly adjusted harness. Again, although this does not relate to real fishing conditions, it still proves that a fight chair and standard trolling rod has the capability to apply more pressure than a stand-up angler.



Bill Salisbury fights a bigeye from the fight chair on the "Linda B." A fanny bucket would give Bill even more leverage with this standard trolling rod.

So which is better: the stand-up rods or the traditional rods with a fight chair? Actually neither is better. They are both different and should be used for the fishing situations and conditions where they work best.

Chunking for yellowfins has been red hot the last years at the Canyons and hopefully this will continue into 1987. This style fishing is ideal for stand-up fishing. Not only is it a sporting way to fish, but several anglers can fish side by side since one man doesn't "hog" the chair. It is pure joy to experience the hard, yanking battle of a big tuna while standing up. It is something you don't feel while seated in a fight chair. Don't forget, though, that stand-up fishing does require the kidney harness and wide gimbal belt to take full advantage of the rod's ability to maintain steady, tiring pressure against the fish without tiring the angler.

The only time I'd go back to a trolling style rod for chunking is to accommodate an angler who may not have his sea legs and can't stand up to fight the fish on a rough night. This angler may have to use the chair and a longer rod.

Stand up rods won't work well in a fight chair because they are so short. The very thing that makes them "super rods" for stand-up battles, works against them when used in a chair. With a full bend in the rod and a tuna holding straight below the boat, the short rods don't have enough length to keep the line clear of the side of the boat and the rub rail.

Stand-up rods feel the best and apply the greatest pressure when the fish are being fought from below the boat. The lifting power is absolutely amazing with the short rods. That's why they work so well while chunking

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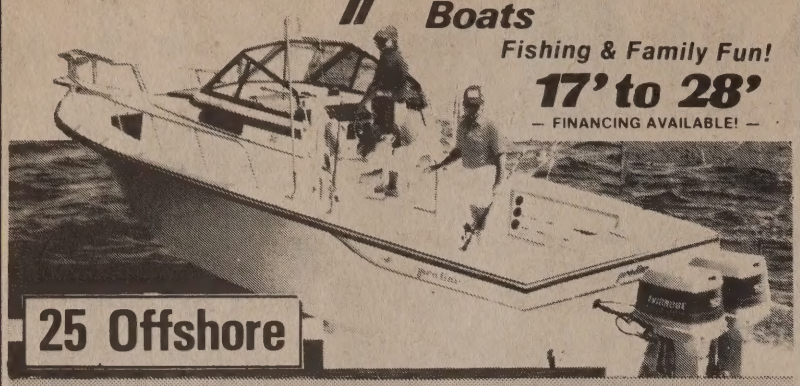
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where the fish are hitting close to the boat and the fight is nearly vertical at all times.

While trolling, however, the shorter rods lose their edge. Not only can the short length cause problems when the fish is brought to the boat, longer trolling rods feel better when working a fish that is high in the water crashing a surface trolling lure. Trolling anglers still seem to prefer the standard trolling rod with a beefier tip action.

Fighting a huge bigeye, a bluefin or a hefty blue marlin is more efficient and less tiring when done from a fight chair, with the angler seated in a bucket, to allow full use of strong leg muscles. It can be done, however, with a stand-up rod. Tim Coleman, editor of our New England Fisherman edition, slugged it out wtih a 369 lb. bluefin, and won!

Shark anglers have mixed emotions about the short rods for sharking. A shark that takes a bait far out in the slick is easier to set the hook in with a longer, stiffer rod. There's too much distance between you and the fish and the short hook setting stroke of the stand-up rods just doesn't have enough "oomph" to plant the hook in a thick jaw.

However, that same shark taking an in-close bait only 30 or 40 feet from the boat is ideal for the stand-up rod. There's little distance between you and the fish so there's no problem setting the hook, and the fight can be supremely satisfying. I usually fish three rods while sharking. My two distant baits will be on the longer standard rods, the in-close rod will be the stand-up type.

Small boaters, even while trolling, may find the stand-up rods perfect for their style of canyon fishing where a fight chair is often too large to mount in their boat. The added advantage of being able to fight a big fish for an hour or more is a bigger benefit than the extra care needed to work a fish around outboard engines.

Many tuna fishermen are realizing that neither rod is perfect for every canyon or inshore tuna fishing condition and are, therefore, taking both style rods on their offshore trips. On my own boat, I've rigged up a trio of stand-up rods with reels filled with 50 pound mono. While chunking we used the stand-up rods, but as soon as the diesels get cranked up, the stand-up rods are stowed in the rod racks and the traditional trolling rods are brought into action.

Tuna tackle is expensive and you want to be sure you pick the rod that best suits the fishing you plan to do. I hope Bill Shedd and Greg Stotesbury's testing results help you make the best decision. AFTCO supplies components to manufacturers, who make both style rods, so they have no reason to tout one type rod over another, and this makes their information unbiased. I know it helped me make some choices on recent tackle purchases in preparation for the next season.

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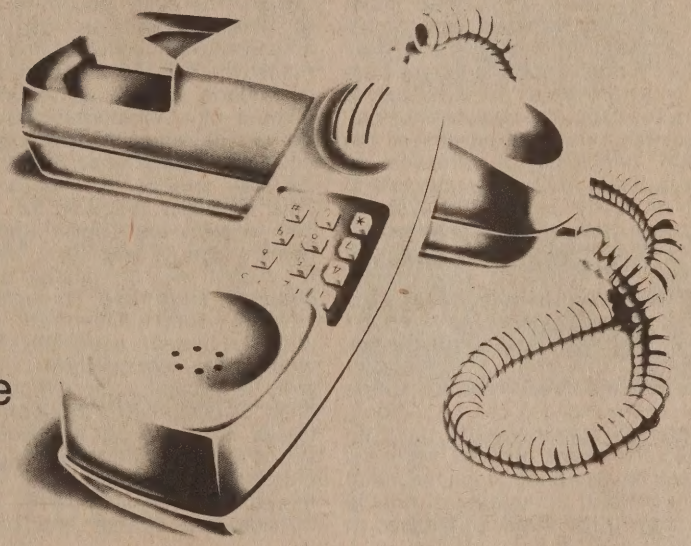

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TECHNIQUES FOR WEAVING

by Ted Bingham

After the first attempt at weaving, you're probably a little disheartened. Most likely there were three major complaints: the process was confusing, difficulty in keeping track of individual threads, and the letters were not as symmetrical as expected. If this is the case, my objective was attained. You now have an idea of the general principles of interweaving threads. If you thoroughly understand it, so much the better. The systems and tricks we'll cover now will clear up any misgivings and make weaving as easy as wrapping a diamond. Since one complete letter has already been described in detail our attention will turn to some of the difficulties encountered.

Keeping the threads aligned during the weaving process can be tedious. The primary considerations must be to hold the weave threads securely. This will be dependent upon the initial base wrap and the quality of double stick tape. If the thread is allowed to pull out from under the base it can wreak havoc by ruining an entire design. The next concern is keeping the parallel threads as close together as possible while still leaving room to maneuver. This will aid the movement of threads as well as reducing the amount of manipulation required to tighten the design. A blunt edged tool, not a pin, can be used to pick out individual strands for repositioning. This constant resetting of threads can weaken the original tape to a point where it is useless. Therefore, it's a good idea to maintain a steady supply of extra tape. Throughout the weaving, continually check and realign the threads, especially the base wrap. Unlike other patterns, this base wrap is exceptionally difficult to realign. Occasionally a stubborn weave thread will jump out of place. Don't spend too much time tinkering with it unless it has crossed over another thread. Some designs use 60 or more threads. It's almost impossible to continually align all of them. Instead, wait until the letter is complete. Now, the reason for the extra length on the tag ends comes into play. The extra inch or two on each side of the weave will act as alignment handles. Remove them from the tape and, with a sawing motion, manipulate the design into its proper shape. When doing so, however, extreme caution must be exercised. Use only a few threads at a time, not the entire weave. Firmly grasp the tag ends on both sides. Failure to do so can result in pulling some threads out from under the base wrap. A firm grip will also ensure that the manipulated threads don't twist or cross each other under the base wrap. Sometimes it may be necessary to realign threads one at a time. In performing this maneuver you will discover that the entire shape of the design can be rearranged. This technique is especially useful when weaving fish. The whole design can be shifted onto

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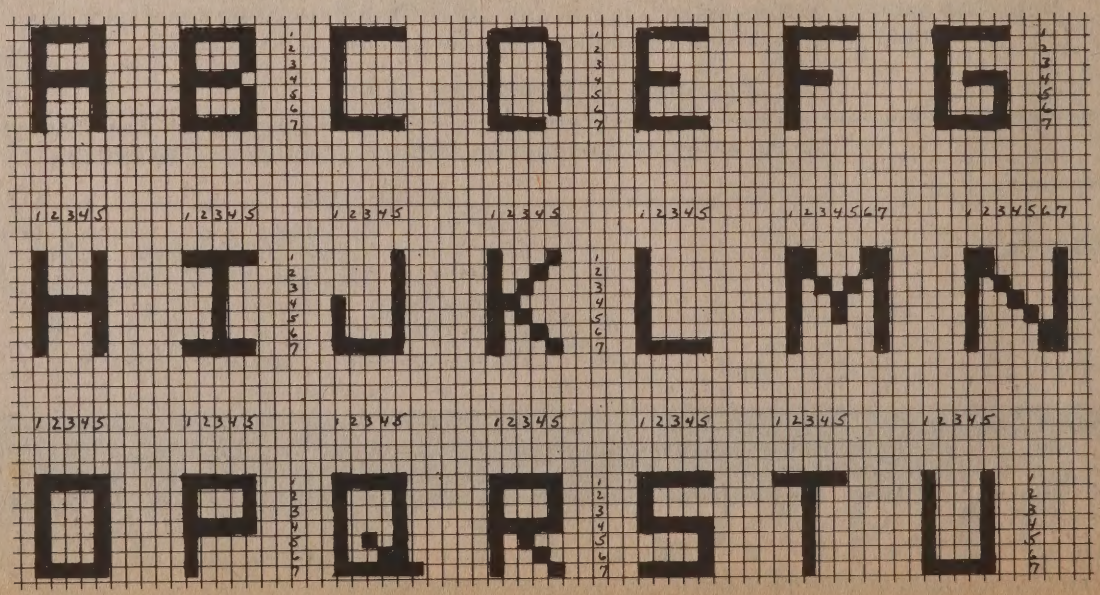

an angle making the nose of the leaping mako or billfish appear more pointed. In addition, by working only one side at a time, the fish can be arched. On designs that have spaces, such as letters, try to use only the right set of tag ends after the first letter is aligned. Using the left side will only place the first letter out of alignment.

Now let's solve the problem of finding a specific thread. The first method, on a small pattern, is to mark the middle thread, on each side, with felt marker. This can be expanded to larger designs by marking every third or fourth thread. If an exceptionally tall wrap is used consider assigning a different color to entire bands of thread. In using this method it might be helpul if you anticipate which threads will be used the most. For instance, letters tend to require the movement of the first, middle and last three threads the most. Therefore, mark the threads in bands of three, using bright colors on the most used sets. If you choose this system, make a quick reference chart denoting color versus threads. Surprisingly, the larger multi-colored designs are the easiest. These separate bands of color give a built-in thread count and also enables any mistakes to be readily detected. Many of these designs only use a particular color in one area of the weave. This means that most of them can consistently be left on the right and not bothered with.

Now for the final touch that makes weaving any design a snap. The trick is to make a schematic, especially if you anticipate weaving more than once. This system can be employed, with excellent results, on both letters and sketches. With threads crossing at right angles, weaving is nothing more than a grid. Once again the artist's supply store comes to the rescue. Purchase a pack of graph paper and use it for a layout. Depending upon the amount of weaving intended, a few different sizes might be in order. For block letters and square designs I use a fairly large 5 by 5 grid. For fish and scenery, try a small 10 by 10. The smaller size reveals a more accurate account of what to expect in the finished product. The accompanying schematic is drawn on a small grid sheet.

Designing the blueprint is simple. Draw the intended figure or letter on the graph. For block letters just shade in the appropriate boxes. Fish and scenery require a little different system. Trace or draw the fish and also fill in the interior boxes. When a trace line passes partially through a box you must decide if that box is to be shaded. The preceding box may help you in your decision. If a curved surface is required the boxes must be shaded in a diagonal step fashion. Remember, the drawing is identical to how the threads are weaved, square cornered.

In order to understand the schematic, each box must be considered to be an individual thread. The shaded boxes represent a thread that is placed to the left. Weave threads that are overwrapped are shown as empty boxes. With the figure drawn, number the top boxes. Each number will correspond to one spiral of the base wrap. Now number the side of the design from top to bottom. These numbers represent the weave threads. Using the letter A from the schematic, notice that all the boxes under the top number are shaded. This tells us that threads 1-7 are to be placed to the left and one base wrap taken. Only the number one and four boxes are shaded under the second top number. Therefore, only these two threads are placed to the left. All others go right and one base wrap is taken. This is repeated under the third and fourth top numbers. All boxes under number 5 are shaded so the same procedure as line one is followed. By following the shaded box left, empty box right, any design can be weaved.

The instructions for the pictured schematic are brief. Only the numbers of the shaded boxes are listed in the sample graph. Any number not listed will be placed to the right. When the numbers are separated by a hyphen, such as 1-7, it indicates ALL numbers one through seven. Since the numbers are single digits, individual numbers are listed without commas to save space.

Before weaving any design, read the entire plan first. Then decide what ratio to use. Remember that some letters are longer than others and require extra base wraps. If you disagree with the shape of any letter, feel free to make any changes that will lead to an improvement (and then let me know).

The same shaded box technique used for letters can be incorporated into any other design. Your signature can even be written on the graph, shaded, and from that, implanted onto a blank. Literally, anything that can be placed on the graph paper can be weaved on a rod. Some enthusiasts weave entire scenic series, such as the sun rising over a fishing boat.

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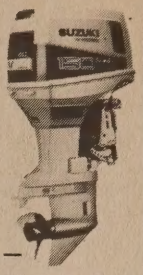

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FISHERMAN TRAVEL LOG: TORTOLLA FLATS

by Dick Mermon

Among the sailing clan the word is the British Virgin Islands are the world's finest sailing waters, but unbeknown to most may also be the best saltwater angling in the world. The only way to prove this fact is through the mouths of anglers who have been there and experienced the action. I, for one, can vouch of this truth, but it is not the big game such as blue and white marlin, sailfish, wahoo, kingfish, sharks and tuna, along with other highly prized bottom dwellers that intrigues me. It is the flats and the shallow water creatures which offers enjoyment.

The island of Tortolla extends just that spice of life, with a heavy dose of bonefish seasoning. And, what the bonefish lack, the permit, barracuda, sharks, bar jacks, ladyfish, small grouper and a few others further lace the shoal flats.

Being a volcanic island, most of the shore is lined with clumps of coral, making it rather difficult for an angler to fish the outer edge properly. However, there are several locations which support shallow, unobstructed, wadable flats, not extremely large in dimension like the Bahamas, or the island of Anegada, but sufficient in size for bonefish and permit to cruise upon. The largest of Tortolla's flats is within Seacow Bay, located on the island's southern shore, west of Road Town.

The shallows themselves form the bay's protective entranceway, stretching out about 150 yards into Sir Francis Drake Channel, and the same distance along the shoreline, whereby its surrounding water drops rapidly into seven fathoms. The next descent begins a few yards again and is recorded to better than 60 feet. Three sides of the shallows are edged with coral, preventing the bones from entering the area, leaving only one way to approach and escape from the flats, the far eastern section.

From all my experimenting around the island, this location has been best in bonefish action, even when the tide was dead out. Although there are fish there most of the time, it is the high water which offers the greatest opportunity for a hook-up. On the rising tide, the fish work up from the flats incline and then begin to tail in the shallow water, searching for dime

size green crabs, tiny shrimp, any type mini baitfish and small conch, or hermit crabs.

Another of the island's shallows is called the "Road Reef," and is much smaller in size. To reach this area, an angler must pass through an area under construction and a marina. Pieces of Eight flats are directly along the main roadway, which parallels the south shore, whereby, Road Reef is found closer to Road Town, across from Fort Burt and just east of Prospect Reef Resort Hotel. Two years ago the construction was under way, but the flats were left untouched and the word is, are still in good condition. These shallows contain many more hazards of coral and a great deal of grass. It also supports many decent sized predators such as barracuda and black tip sharks, but the permit also like to feed upon it. By the way, native lingo for permit is "high forehead lady."

A third shallow area is situated between Tortolla and Beef Island, north of the Bascule Bridge, which connects the two islands and located near the B.V.I. airport. Bonefish, as well as the other species can be caught and most of the activity is during the high water period. This flat is more elongated, paralleling the shoreline of Tortolla, dropping into a deep ledge or channel closer to Beef Island.

With locations now pinpointed, a question arises as to means of transportation to reach them. Taxi drivers on Tortolla are very accommodating and knowledgeable, for most of them fish for food. Arrangements can be made with one of them to drive an angler to and from a designated flat and be picked up at a pre-arranged time. Payment is usually when the return drive is completed and that is for both destinations. If you stay at one of the many hotels for a week or so, then it is advisable to obtain a driver's license for five dollars and rent a small vehicle as transportation. This now serves in a twofold manner, for fishing and to scout the entire island for new locations. However, it must be remembered that it is a British possession and driving is on the left side of the road.

The island's flats call for medium to light tackle, no heavier than 10 or 12 pound test, for the bones usually weigh in from 4 to 10 lbs. Spinning is still the favored mode of angling, although fly fishing can be rather enjoyable and frustrating at times. Like most species which feed in shallow, ankle-deep water, these bones are highly spooky, especially on the Pieces of Eight flats. Approach and cast must be careful and timed perfectly for the fish to strike the lure, or they will streak instantly from sight.

Small bucktails (1/8 to 1/4 ounces in weight) in colors of white, pink, yellow, or amber are extremely effective. Leadhead jigs, donned with a tiny Mister Twister, or Mann's Grubtail, are also serviceable in the shallows. Sufficient artificials and extra line must be brought along, for there are no tackle shops in the British Virgin Islands. Everyone, including the local sport and commercial fishermen purchase their angling needs in St. Thomas, Puerto Rico, Miami, or a mail order catalog and shipping is rather expensive. Tipping the lure with a piece of conch helps and this can either be obtained from the local fish market, or found on the flats.

Teddy Allison unhooks a big bone that fell for a Mann's Grubtail Jig.

Reaching the island of Tortolla is not a difficult task. Eastern Airlines or one of the other major air transporters which fly to San Juan, or St. Thomas, is the first step, then a short hop on Air B.V.I. to Beef Island and Tortolla.

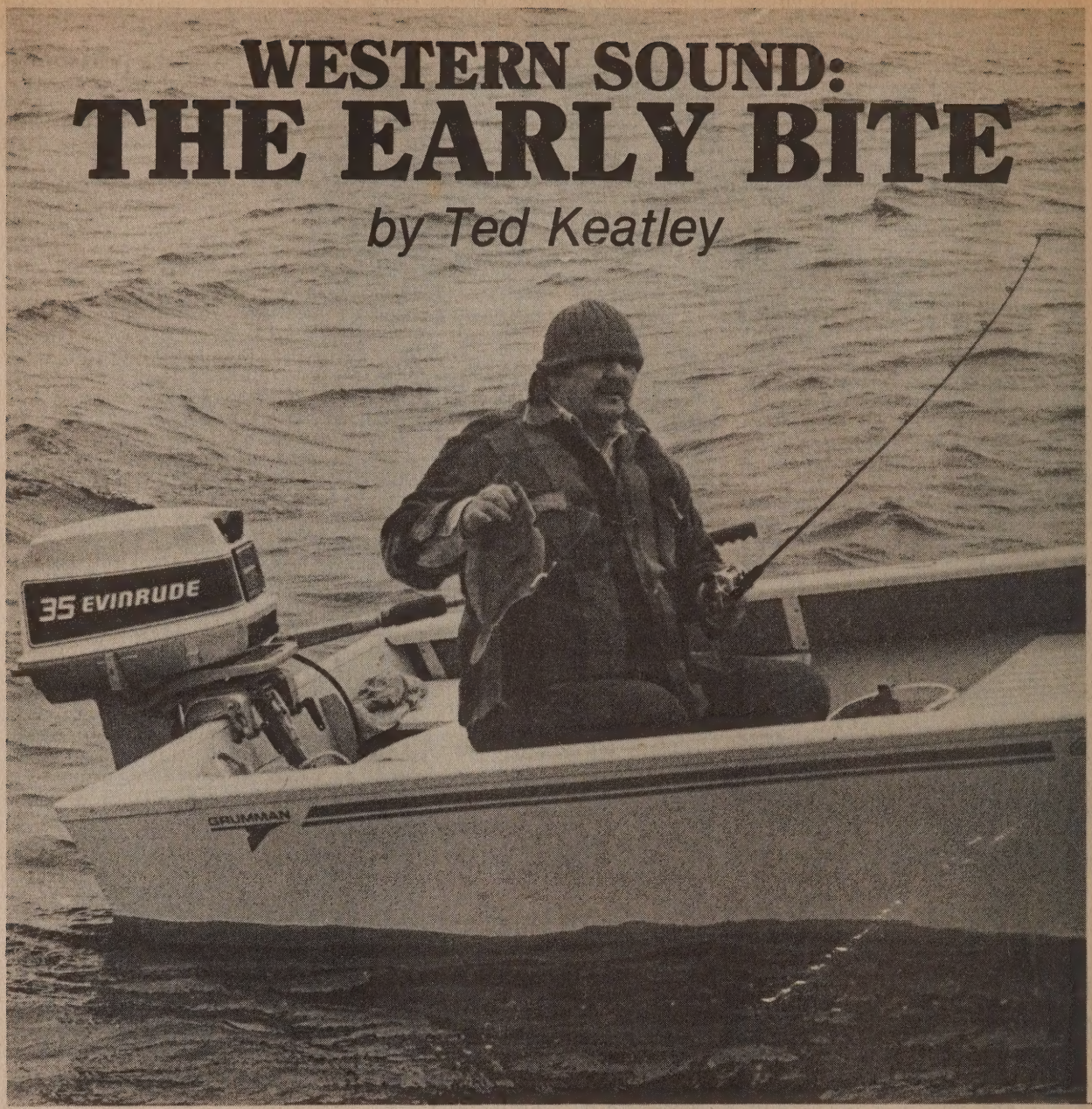
There are several excellent hotels located a short distance from the flats mentioned, sort of situated in-between them, such as Prospect Reef, Fort Burt, Treasure Isle and Sugar Mill (located on the island's north side if interested in scouting that territory), all of which have superb accommodations, food to enchant the palate of any gourmet, rent-a-car availability and taxi service.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the BVI Tourist Board, 370 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017, (212) 696-0400. When in Tortolla, there are two people who can offer a great service: Mr. Allen O'Neal, at the BVI Tourist Board, in Road Town, near the customs dock, or Mr. John Trude, at the Trude Real Estate, Main Street, Road Town, BVI; (809) 49-42500.

The flats of Tortolla are as beautiful as anywhere in the world. The fish come and go with ease, and the only predator which the bonefish have been accustomed to is within the sea itself, for few men, or women have set foot upon their feeding grounds. To these fish, a lure is something to eat.

WESTERN SOUND: THE EARLY BITE

by Ted Keatley



While another winter is drawing to a close on Western Long Island Sound, we cannot forget that the famed Blizzard of '88 arrived on March 10th. No, my memory doesn't go back 99 years. My closest association was my father's boyhood recollections of the storm.

However, the bright side is the knowledge that the spring flounder season will be well under way by the end of the month.

For many years, I put my boat in the water around the middle of March and often had a few sessions of good fishing before All Fool's Day ushered in the month of April. At the time, I kept my boat in Mamaroneck. The flounder season seemed to begin and end earlier than at Stamford where it is now moored. There are two logical possibilities for the difference in timing. First of all, the flounder migrate eastward to cooler and deeper waters as the higher sun warms the water to temperatures beyond their liking. These fish move through Stamford on the way to their summer home. A second consideration is the fact that Stamford waters probably warm more slowly than those further west because of the deeper water close to shore.

As a result, I have not been in as much of a rush to get the boat in the water for the start of the season. Actually, I must admit that the aches, pains and arthritic twinges of advancing years are a factor as well. I hate a low thermometer reading like the devil hates holy water.

Of course, the secret of a good day in early season fishing is dressing properly. I have seen too many shivering flounder fishermen return to the dock early because they failed to remember that a cool day on shore can be COLD on the water. I recall an instance some years ago when I took two friends from high school days out with me in early April. Since one was a career Navy man and the other had served in the service during World War II, I did not go through my usual dress warmly song and dance. It was a bluebird morning which soon brought a chill northwest wind. By ten o'clock, I was faced with the alternatives of quitting early or prying two frozen bodies out of the bottom of the boat. They were indignant when I asked them if all of the Navy time had been shore duty in Panama. They certainly didn't know how to dress for fishing from an open boat on Long Island Sound during April.

The essential for being comfortable on the water in cool weather is protection from the wind: foul weath-

er gear performs this task admirably and keeps off the rain and spray as well. However, don't buy the discount store specials which sell for a few dollars unless you plan to get a new set about every third trip.

Industrial grade foul weather gear made for commercial fishermen and outdoor workers is expensive, but by far the cheapest in the long run. My preference is for bib overalls and a button front jacket. Pullover tops are fine until the day warms up a little and you need some ventilation. Unless there is spray or rain, I leave my jacket unbuttoned most of the time. Another thing to avoid is a fly front in the pants. I have yet to see a design which didn't leak when sitting down.

Many who do a lot of casting prefer pants without a bib and I will admit that without a jacket, slipping shoulder straps can be a nuisance if you are heaving plugs.

What do you wear under foul weather gear? Obviously, you want something which is warm, but not bulky and restricting. Thermal underwear and heavy socks make the best first layer. In colder weather, I usually follow this with cotton and wool flannel shirts and a pair of heavy corduroy pants.

When I was in the Army during World War II, I received a pair of wristlets knitted by some kind lady on the home front. They were nothing more than woolen tubes with a thumb hole near one end. However, by covering the wrist, palm and the back of the hand, they did wonders in warding off the cold while still leaving the fingers free. These wristlets are a little hard to find in a store, but I improvise a good substitute by cutting off the feet of worn-out hunting socks and slitting thumb holes in the tops. Anyone who attempts to fish with fingers encased in gloves is kidding himself.

I am not expecting exceptional flounder fishing this spring. I would anticipate a repeat of 1986, better for size than quantity.

We are at the end of the fourth winter with the portion of the Sound west of Longitude 73:00 (about midway between the Housatonic River and New Haven) closed to the big offshore draggers. Except for several larger vessels "grandfathered" because they fished the area in 1981, no trawlers over 45' are permitted to operate. The 100 piece by-catch limit on lobsters further decreases the incentive of those vessels allowed to fish. It was the extremely profitable trawled lobster fishery which brought more than 30 draggers into the Sound five years ago.

Flounder do not migrate great distances and most fish in Western Long Island Sound probably have lived their whole lives somewhere in the Sound. A goodly number winter in the deeper water westward of the Middle Ground and Bridgeport. I always suspected that the March flounder which I used to take in 40 to 50 feet of water off Larchmont Breakwater and buoys 40 and 42 at Rye had wintered there on the soft bottom. They also were there in November after most shallow water action had ended.

I didn't do any flounder fishing last fall. The bluefish kept me busy into November and I fished the deep water reefs for blackfish until I hauled out at Thanksgiving.

I have talked to flounder fishermen from Bridgeport west to Mamaroneck and the story was the same. Size was good, but the flatfish weren't too plentiful. The flounder arrived very late, probably because the water remained unusually warm through most of October. In November, a dozen fish was a good catch for a knowledgeable sinker bouncer and 30 flounder was an exceptional day.

"Some years ago when I did a lot of flounder fishing, 75 to 100 good sized fish was nothing unusual at the peak of the season."

I haven't done too much flounder fishing in recent years. The late April arrival of the mackerel in the spring would divert me and I prefer fishing the deep water reefs for blackfish in the fall after the bluefish have left.

Some years ago when I did a lot of flounder fishing, 75 to 100 good sized fish was nothing unusual at the peak of the season. However, I haven't had that kind of action since the spring of 1979 when the big flats settled inbetween Tavern and Sheffield Islands at the west entrance to Norwalk Harbor. On one of the best days, Bill Simpkins, Bill Lacey and I had four 5-gallon pails of flounder to fillet when we got back to the dock.

The flounder seemed widely dispersed last year. One to a half dozen fish would come into the boat shortly after anchoring and then nothing. Even my old technique of a chum pot full of crushed mussels did not seem to bring the fish.

Incidentally, if you do chum, be mindful of the restrictions on the taking of shellfish in many areas.

Other chumming alternatives to crushed mussels are corn (canned or dried), cat food, a mixture of canned fish and oatmeal and pelletized rabbit food. The rabbit food is the cleanest and easiest to handle and the flounder seem to like it. Of course, dropping a little chum over the side of an anchored boat at intervals is practical only in moderate depth water with limited current. Otherwise, the goodies would reach bottom too far from the boat to be much help.

In addition to chumming, there are several other methods of attracting flounder to your anchored boat and holding them there. On Long Island's South Shore and in New Jersey, fishermen prefer a plumber's helper (rubber suction cup) on a long pole. This is plunged up and down to stir the bottom.

Another technique in shallow water is running the boat in a tight circle with the anchor dragging. This digs up the bottom and turns over food. Make certain that the boat is over the field that you plowed when the anchor fetches up.

The usual flounder hook is the Chestertown pattern (size 7 or 8). I prefer the beak type since they do not bend as easily when being removed from a fish.

Both of the aforementioned hooks are long shanked, but Matt Ahern, a regular contributor to the Long Island edition of this magazine, swears by short shanked Sproat pattern hooks. He probably has a point (no pun intended) and I suspect that the short shank will result in more fish hooked. However, I'm not sure that the aggravation in removing a hook is worth a few more flounder. In addition, it would make it more difficult to unhook a small fish which you wished to release with a minimum of injury. This is an important consideration in Western Long Island Sound since many of the fish caught are below the 10 inch legal minimum.

I still see spreaders used occasionally, but they are a nuisance and an encumbrance so far as I am concerned. Most fishermen prefer to tie the hook directly into the line just above the sinker with a second one tied into the middle of the snell on the first. Be certain that your bait is on the bottom. The hook snell should be no more than three inches above the sinker.

Flounder feed on any moving tide, but in shallow water close to shore, the rising tide usually is the best. The fish move in and out with the tide to a degree, but this is a major consideration only in "skinny" water close to shore. If the tide is running and there are no customers beneath your boat within 20 minutes, it is time to pull anchor and try elsewhere.

If the fish are not too plentiful and widely scattered (as often has been the case lately), drifting may prove more productive. Of course, an effective drift requires a moderate current and not too much wind. A relatively clean bottom also is essential. In the spring, sea lettuce and hairy red algae make it impossible to drift in many areas.

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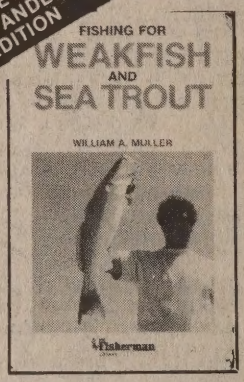

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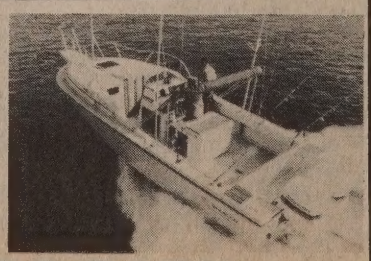

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Early spring flounder are sluggish and do not "bite." A fish usually approaches the bait wearing sneakers and sucks it in without a telltale jerk on the line. Thus, a fast lift of the rod tip often hooks a fish which has not been felt. Rapidly raising the line about six inches at frequent intervals not only hooks fish which have been mouthing the bait, but also attracts the attention of any that may be wandering by.

Where will I look for flounder on my earliest trips? Frankly, as I write this, I haven't the foggiest idea. The fish tend to move from year to year and the hotspot of last season can prove to be a waste of time. I suppose that the water temperature and the availability of food determines where the fish will concentrate. However, an area is unlikely to prove highly productive for more than ten days or two weeks. Apparently, the fish clean up all of the readily available food and move on.

For a few spring runs after I moved my boat to Stamford in 1976, the best fishing was to be found off the beach on the Sound side of Greenwich Point Park. I always give this area a try or two, but it has been a disappointment since the late 1970s.

Greenwich Cove and the mouth of the Mianus River invariably provide some action and the area around the Stamford Lighthouse can be good. In recent years, Westcott Cove on the east side of Stamford's Shippan Point has produced some nice fish, but they have been scattered and drifting seemed to provide more action than anchoring. Last spring, the best early fishing was between Collender's (Long Neck Point) and Fish Island at Darien.

There usually is some good fishing inside of the Norwalk Islands. I have done well between Tavern and Sheffield Islands as well as on the flats from Betts Island to Calf Pasture. This last area normally was best on a falling tide. I also have had some good days drifting the Saugatuck Shores side at the mouth of the Saugatuck River in Westport.

I used to fish Long Island quite regularly, but have not done so in some years. Oyster Bay is the first area in Western Long Island Sound to produce regularly as a rule. I usually fished the area off Brickyard Point. However, the average size of the fish seems to decrease as the season progresses. By mid-April, the east side of Diamond Point Reef inside of buoy 15 at Lloyds always is a good possibility. I also have done well in the vicinity of Duck Island Channel on the north side of Northport Harbor.

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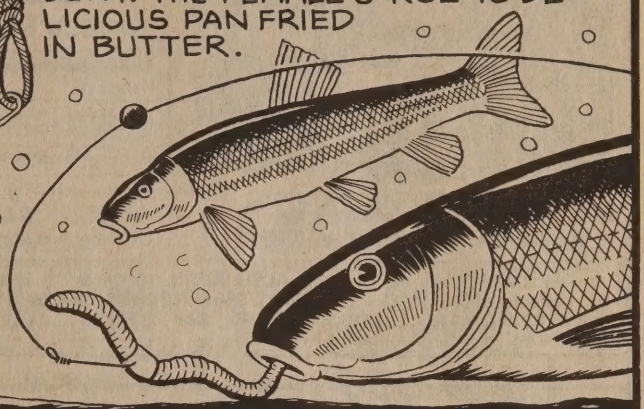

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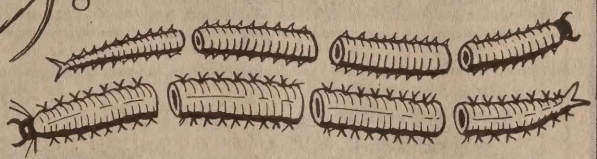

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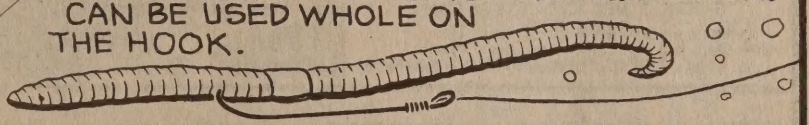

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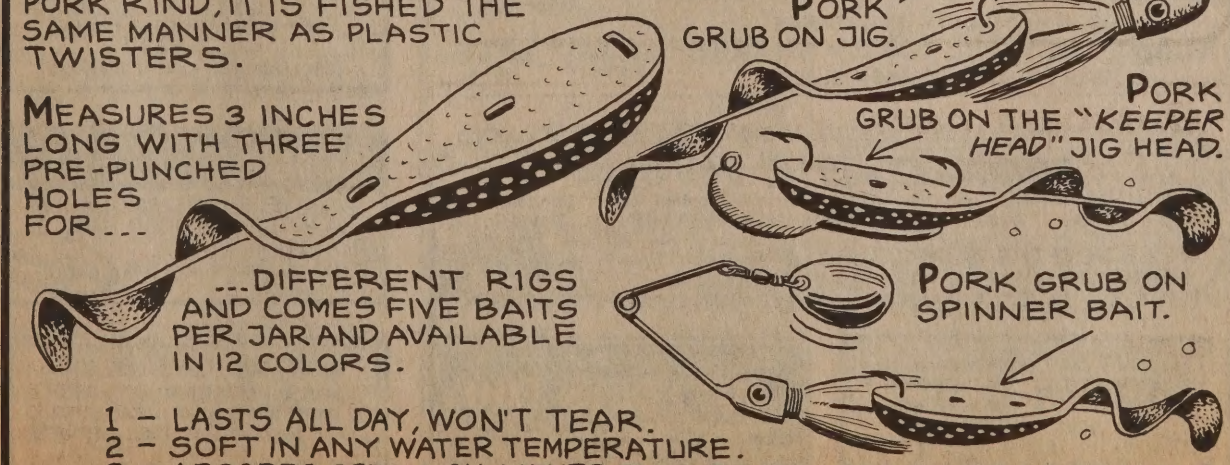

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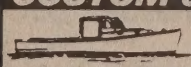

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East End REPORT

with Mrs. Lorry Mangan

The weekend's brief respite from dreary winter weather prompted many anglers to test the waters for early flounder. While many were rewarded for their efforts with a few flatties, those who were skunked at least had a therapeutic session with Mother Nature.

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June, speaking for **Montauk Marine Basin**, claimed that plenty of clam bait was sold on the weekend, however no reports of local flounder catches were heard. Commercial fishermen have been doing well setlining for cod, giving hope for a good spring run this year.

At **Star Island Yacht Club**, Sam is in the midst of refurbishing the entire facility. Call for information on the big Shark Tournament scheduled for the weekend of June 20 and 21st.

Captain Ron Grandinetti is now booking for spring cod, and will begin fishing on the **Julie III** during the first week in April.

The **Lori Jay** has been repowered with Volvo diesel engines, according to Captain Jay Rigano, who will start fishing for cod and snowshoe flounder April 5th.

Captain Mike Bentivegna Junior of the **Pronto** and Captain Bill Ricca of the **Allyssa Ann** are happy to announce that Mr. Frank Romano of the Bronx won the offshore charter trip at the New York Boat Show in January. Mr. Romano will try his luck with school tuna on August 24th. Both the **Pronto** and the **Allyssa Ann** will fish for spring cod and flounder beginning in early April.

The **Bluefin IV** has been repowered with new turbo engines and will begin fishing on April 1st. Call Captain Michael Potts for charter information.

Reports of cod at Block Island and Cox's Ledge have prompted Captain Paul Forsberg to schedule **Viking** cod trips this upcoming weekend. Boat sailing time is 4a.m., with return about 4p.m. Please call for reservations to guarantee a spot on the boat, although no deposit is needed, phone numbers will be taken so that calls can be made should the trips be cancelled due to inclement weahter.

The weekend's George's Banks trip accounted for over 1,000 cod for thirty-five anglers, with many double headers on jigs plus tubes. John Troll of Glendale, New York caught fourty-five cod plus the fourty pound pool winner. Bob Ehman returned to

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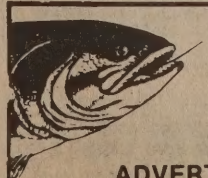

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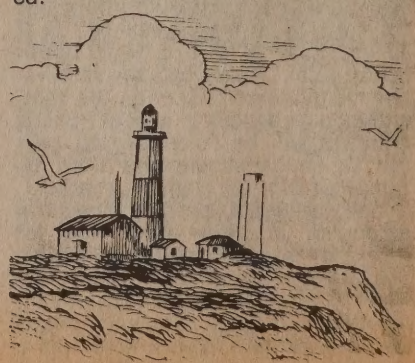
SOUTH FORK

A chat with Thom Speckenback revealed that no confirmed reports of flounder at Heady Creek, Ponquogue Bridge or from the north side have come in to **Speck's Bait and Tackle**, although a few flounder were caught in Sag Harbor on the weekend. Sand and blood worms with mussels are in good supply, with night crawlers and fresh clams expected for this coming weekend. Some flounder have been caught in the Shinnecock Canal, with the best action with large fish occurring during the first three hours after the locks close.

Shinnecock Canal catches started slowly last week, but picked up with warming water temperatures according to Don Cook and Rosemary Fedorco. While three flounder were considered good on Friday, Rosemary managed fourteen on Sunday, returning five under ten inches (the new state size limit is eight inches). Jim Algerio tried his luck at the Quogue Canal on Saturday, where over a dozen anglers had caught a total of a dozen flounder in the morning. Warmer waters on Sunday turned the fishing picture around however. Bill Hichak Senior, fishing with his son and Tony caught 38 flounder fishing by boat in the area where Buoy 7A used to be. The trio returned to **Sherry and Joe Corr's Best Boatworks** with 38 flounder that weighed between one and one quarter and two pounds, but reported that anglers casting from shore did even better than they did!

On a tip, Lou Tinto and Carl (Little Caesar) Russo, anchored their boat just east of Buoy 54, near the Westhampton Bridge on Saturday. Total catch was 37 flounder, top weight 1 7/8 pounds.

It must be noted that all who reported flounder catches over the weekend remarked that most fish had spawned and were firm when filleted.



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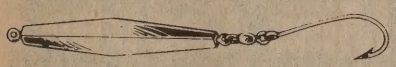

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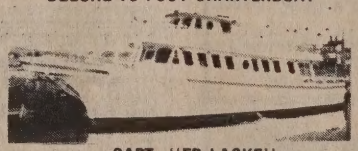

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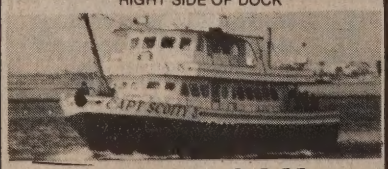

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with Fred Colofaro

The flounder reports varied greatly over the weekend, but if the truth be known, Saturday and Sunday's gorgeous weather was enough to send even the fishless home with a smile on their faces. The Quogue Canal, traditionally an early season producer, produced the best catches to come to our attention. This fishing is a good one to two weeks behind schedule. The next best news came from well to the west with the Massapequa Cove area reportedly producing some decent catches on both days.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

Philip Sepulveda reported a very busy weekend at **L&M Marine Fishing Station** in East Moriches. He reported 11 boats out on Saturday and another 4 on Sunday with average catches of 25 to 30 big flatties per boat. The size of the fish taken on Sunday were particularly impressive with most all the flatties falling near the 1½ pound mark. All boats fished in the vicinity of old buoy 7A, near the third bridge and the golf course. Sand worms and mussel chum were used exclusively. Phil said that they will have bloodworms in stock for this coming weekend along with sands, mussels, clam chum and clam bait.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

Paul Graniello at **J&J Tackle** in Patchogue knew of several good catches of flounder by boatmen working the Quogue Canal near buoy 54 and the golf course. Steve Agnetti and a friend kept 50 good size fish there on Saturday. Fish are also being picked from the banks of the canal. On Thursday, Patchogue Fishing Club member "Wuz" Miginnis, checked in with four from 1 to 1¾ pounds. Lots of folks out on the local docks, but none reported back. One clammer reported doing well near Davis Park and Water Island on the south side of the bay.

Pickerel and bass have been active in Mill Pond this week. Rebels, Rapalas, Rooster tails, Panther Martins and Mepps Spinners getting most of the attention.

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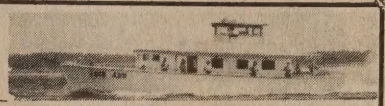
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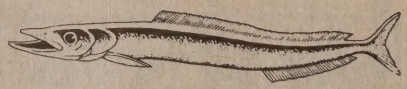

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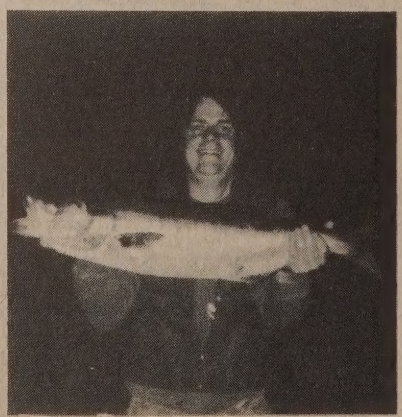
Oakdale, Al Colbin managed to steal a day on Saturday and made the most of his time off while aboard the Captree open boat **Captain Scotty**. Al managed to put away 14 cod and one pollock. The fish ranged from 3 to 7 lbs. He reported a total of approximately 40 to 45 cod taken on the boat. Al heard of a few flounder taken from local docks this weekend and knew that several private boats picked away in the state channel from Lindenhurst to Amityville. He had no local flattie reports this week. On the freshwater side of the ledger, Bubbles Falls continues to produce lots of small fish with some nice browns and rainbows to a pound and a half taken this week as well. No word on any perch this week.

Captain Carl Passero of the open boat **Miss Captree** said that the weekend's weather drew large crowds of flounder hopefuls. Most had to be satisfied with the weather. Flounder fishing remains slow due to cold water temperatures in the bay (there was still ice on parts of the bay as recently as a week ago Saturday) but did show a gradual improvement over the course of the weekend. Working the east bay between Sayville and Patchogue, Carl reported only three flatties taken on Friday's maiden trip of the season, 22 on Saturday and 35 on Sunday. All the fish taken were good size, with a 2 lber. for Barry Nathan on Friday. Best individual score was a half dozen fish.

Captain Rod Westerlind of the Captree open boat **Captain Rod** filed a similar report. He spoke of excellent crowds but slow fishing. Water temperatures have climbed but their still not where they should be on the weekend. If there is a silver lining to this slow start, according to the veteran skipper, it might be that the late freeze kept the big fish back in the bay later than usual and instead of moving out of the bay by now, they should be ripe for catching over the next couple of weeks. Most seasons see these big fish gone before much angling effort even takes place.



Fisherman subscriber Joe Van Beughem, shows the 15.3 lb. blue he caught on a live bunker in Long Island Sound aboard the private boat, 'Kathryn M.'

A call to **Captree Bait and Tackle** found Noel Kappauf back in his customary haunt. Noel said that there were lots of people out trying for flatties on the weekend, but knew of just a few taken from the Jones Beach and Overlook piers and a couple picked from the Captree wharf out in front of the bait station. The open boats carried big crowds but fishing remains slow with some signs of improvement as the warm weather began to raise bay water temperatures. He did weigh his first fish of the season, a 1¾ lb. flattie.

Captain George Tweedy of the Captree open boat **Capt. Scotty 3** reported a pick of cod on Friday with about two dozen taken on the boat. Saturday saw the catch double while on Sunday, with a southerly heave, only a dozen or so fish found their way over the rail. The fish were on the small side this week with nearly all ranging from 4 to 6 lbs. Fishing is still being done on the wrecks and the boat's special cod derby pool is now over $1250.

Captain Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** reported he opened the season on the weekend with a slow start. However, water temperatures were up over 40 degrees by late Sunday and the skipper expects good fishing should develop within the week. The catch numbered in the 20s each day, but all of the fish were nice, ranging from 3/4 to 2½ lbs. Gordon reminded that he would be in the shipyard during the week but would be back to normal operations for this weekend.

Speaking from **Augie's Tackle Shop** in Babylon, Tom Healey reported a lot of effort on behalf of anglers over the weekend but none reported back on their results. The only fish Tom did see were 5 white perch taken from a local tidal creek by Mike Campanelli on Sunday. Mike used green Mister Twister tails on small leadheads to take the fish. Tom added that the shop is now on a new schedule for the spring. They will be open 7AM to 7PM seven days a week.

Mike Andreani informed me that **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays unti the end of the month when a move to their new location will have been completed. They will be moving a short distance to the east on the south side of Montauk Highway. On the fishing front, some guys out trying, but no one reporting back with their results. Mike did speak to two clammers who wet a line during their lunch hour. One reported 8 flatties, the other 4. Both were working the Bay Shore area and said that the fish were large.

Bob Rose at **Bob's Bait and Tackle** in Amity Harbor heard plenty of flounder news on the weekend with some pretty good catches coming from Massapequa Cove, Copiague Hole and the State Channel. On Sunday, Bob joined Fred Walters on

the Reel Affair. The pair put away 17 big flatties near West Island. On Saturday, Dick Kissel culled 26 flatties from the state channel near Gilgo. They ranged to 1¾ lbs. and were taken on worms and mussels. Bob had just spoken to George Savage on the Troll and Roll via marine radio Monday AM. George reported he already had a half dozen nice flatties in the boat working the Copiague Hole.

Frank Pristera of **Edelman's Sporting Goods** in Farmingdale said that the best flounder fishing in that area came from the Massapequa Cove area on Saturday, Bill Biscardi of the High Hook put away 15 big flounder using worms and clam and corn chum. The same day, another private boat totaled 35 good size flatties. Frank also sampled a pick of flounder on his own boat while working off of Lindenhurst Beach on Sunday.

West End REPORT

with Stu Miller

As the winds and water warm the region up, the flounder action is starting to come alive. Fish caught this past week, although not caught in great quantities, have been decent sized, all things considered. Soft baits are naturally favored in the early spring. Various reports of fair numbers of small cod being taken on inshore and offshore wrecks along with scattered by-catches of big sea bass.

WEST END BAYS/ JONES INLET

Over in Seaford we learn that **Kim's Reef Fishing Station** will have its official season opening on Saturday and that a few flounder are being picked all around the Seaford area and in the State Channel. Joe said he's got boats, bait and chum a-waiting.

Mike at **Causeway Tackle** in Wantagh was happy to tell about some good flounder catches on the weekend with numbers running from 10 to 25 a private boat. Sand worms and mussels work best when combined with heavy chumming. There were only a few crabs around, said Mike. Best results were in the Massapequa and Merrick areas with all around the high being best. Jerry Peck of Levittown had 10 flatties to 1½ lbs. fishing by himself. Eric Nyman and Joe Longiaru had 15 flounder to 2 lbs. working Nicks Point. Rich Fedorof and Lloyd Paulsen of Outcast Anglers boated 65 flatties in

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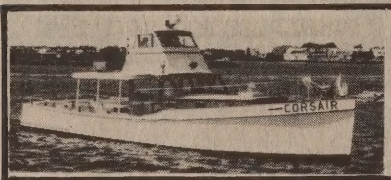

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LADY J IV

Merrick Bay. Mike told of some small cod being taken on inshore and offshore wrecks.

Randy at **Garan's Tackle** in Merrick said that he had customers coming back reporting that flatties were picked through the weekend at the Jones Beach Piers and also off the bulkhead at the south end of Merrick Avenue.

Sailing out of Freeport, the **Captain Lou Fleet** found opening weekend floundering fair to good with skipper Mike Dannon saying both his boats found fish spread out all over the bay which is the best sign of a good spring season ahead. Saturday's catches were classified as good, with Sunday's being even better, with both boats being railed both days. Mike says he's located the hotspots and he wishes to thank you all for making his start up of the season with the new boat so successful. On the half day boat, Saturday saw Art Weiss of Shirley with the first fish of the season. Henry Patino of Columbia took the pool with a 3 lber. and on Sunday, a 2½ lber. took the pool for first timer Ann Chung.

Over in Point Lookout, Captain Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout II** told of a decent start up for the flounder season, seeing some nice fish all over the bay, but no big numbers yet. Catches have been up to 6-7 good flatties a man. Saturday's AM trip saw College Point angler Andy Nelson with a 3 lb. pool fish. On the PM trip, Steve Theobold bagged a 1½ lb. pool winner while on Sunday's PM trip regular Steve Lowenthal walked away with pool honors.

Tom at **Scotty's Fishing Station** told of some nice flounder caught right

through Sunday from the adjacent piers and from boats. One of his rental boats took 10 nice flounder fishing the drain in Middle Bay. Worms and mussels have been working best. Best area so far—Baldwin Bay, Middle and East Bays and the area opposite Bedel Creek. He rated catches as fair to good with fat fish running 3/4 to 2 lbs., incoming best.

Ed's Fishing Station will be open this weekend, but the official opening being Saturday, March 14th. All baits and chum will be in stock.

The **Captain Al** ended the winter codfishing schedule on Sunday and as you read this, the boat is being hauled and will be in the shipyard for a couple of weeks doing yearly maintenance. Al said he will resume as soon as the work is done and will be after his favorite bay prey, the big sea run flounder. He'll be staying with that until the mackerel show up. It is suggested that you call to find out when the boat will resume sailing.

NEW YORK BIGHT

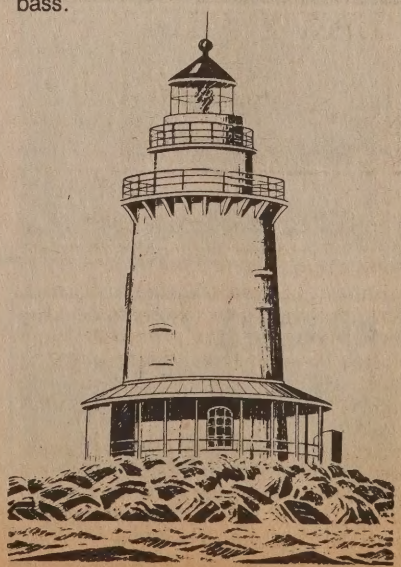
In East Rockaway, **Skippy's Bait and Tackle** tells of good floundering through Friday in Bay Park but slowing on the weekend due to the huge crowds that showed up with the warm weather. Fish have been running 3/4 to 1½ lbs. with sand worms working best, followed by mussels. Low incoming was prime. Skip also told of some sea run flounder at the inlets on slack. Some small cod around the wrecks and high pieces. Bay temperatures have tickled the 40 degree mark, which is ideal for flounder activity. All the shoal areas produce best including Garrett's Lead. Skippy says that the store is open full time and he has all baits and chum in stock for your flattie pursuits.

Over in Sheepshead Bay we hear from Captain Butch of the **Zephyr** that his customers have been picking away on flounder at the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers to the tune of 4 to 5 a man average with high hook being 15 fish for the weekend. The flounder have been 1/2 to 1¼ lbs.

Charlie at **Mike's Tackle**, directly across from the Sheepshead Bay fleet, told of some very good ling and whiting action (mostly ling) at New Grounds with most people filling a 5 gallon bucket. He said that the **Betty W IV** has been in on this action. Two jumbo blackfish were weighed in at the store this week, weighing at 13 lbs. 9 oz. and 9 lbs. 8 oz., taken at Farms on clam. Generally speaking, the blackfishing has been great this past week. Charlie says flounder have been on the small side at Navesink this week. Mussels have been working best, with high hooks 8 to 10 fish.

Six-year-old Amie Ghisone with her first bluefish. It was taken last fall in Cold Spring Harbor. Subscriber photo.

On Thursday's offshore wreck trip on the **Helen H**, fares had about 100 pollock some cod and 25 jumbo sea bass.



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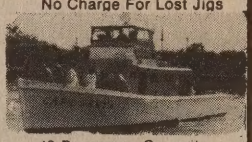

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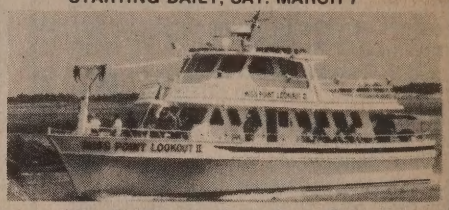

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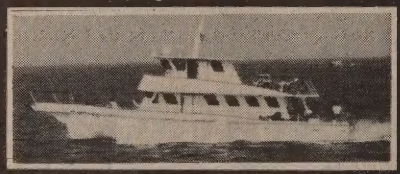

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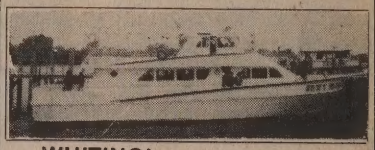

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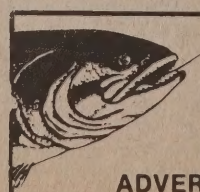

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North Shore REPORT
with Marty Carrell

Calm weather and soaring temperatures made one of the coldest February of recent times a mere memory. Local flounder anglers responded accordingly. Even though it was too early for most areas, sporadic results were a harbinger of catches to come.

WESTERN SOUND

John's Gun in **New Rochelle** heard reliable reports of a few fish on the Westchester side around Hudson Park and Glen Island. Dewey Palmieri told us that sales of bloodworms and sandworms were quite brisk. The store is open Saturday's until 6:30 and on Sunday's until 2:00.

Jack's Bait on **City Island** just opened Friday, and John DiCuffa spotted one good early catch of flatties from the Orchard Beach lagoon in very shallow water. The shop will be open until 6:00 on weekends with boats available at month's end. The City Island party boat fleet should be in full swing by Saint Pats. Both the **North Star** and the **Apache** are slated to begin on Saturday.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

George Valentine at **Four Winds** suggested Lloyds Harbor as a good place to start, particularly in ten to twelve feet of water if you had some clam tongs to stri the bottom. Warming surface waters sink, and shallow water mud absorbs heat from the sun, so the shallow areas always produce first. It's a good guess that there is already some 37 degree water in and around western bays.

Jerry Cedar at **Huntington Prop** was showing off a couple of fish from a catch of flounder taken by Carl Russo and Carl Macritton on Saturday near Duck Island. One flounder went exactly 1.12 on the shop scales. Mussel and worms are important as chum and bait. Huntington Prop has now moved a block south on the east side of the road at 188 New York Avenue and will be open until 5:00 on Saturday and Sunday.

Both **Bowman's** in **Northport** and **Four Winds** in **Huntington** are keeping abbreviated Sunday hours until 2pm and until noon, respectively. George Valentine stocked his bait last weekend, and Tom Bowman will have his supplies by this Saturday.

Coming off the Port Jeff ferry on Friday afternoon, we noticed that Roy Cash's **Port Jeff Ace** is all set to start the new season. The sign proclaims an 8am sailing on March 20th as the season's opener.

Stan Henschel at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** is busy selling bloodworms and mussels to hardies headed for the Quogue and Shinnecock Canals. Reports of success and failure keep dribbling back to the shop from those areas. However, power plant plumes have been yielding some good bass fishing for sharpies in recent days. John Paduano took a pair of linesiders that went fifteen and twenty pounds on flies, using a single action fly reel, certainly this had to be the outstanding catch of the winter thus far. With business so brisk, the Rocky Point Shop will be open all day on weekends.

John Alberda of **Sound Charters** is now booking for the upcoming season. His first trips are slated for April, with blackfish and flounder the targets. Anyone interested in these specialized one to four man charters should note his new phone number. John can be reached at (516) 626-6796.

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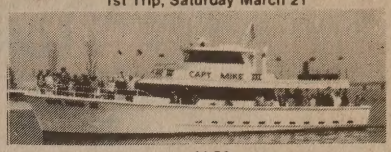
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of sandworms, bloodworms and mussels. All of his contacts seem to be headed to the south shore, with the Quogue Canal rather popular. The shop will be open until 5:00 on Saturday and until 3:00 on Sundays.

The **Captain Bob** will begin sailing for monster Mattituck flounder on April 7th from the Old Mill Restaurant according to Captain Bob Ceglowski. This year's open boat schedule has been expanded to every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Charter dates are going fast, with only a few openings left in April and May on the **Captain Bob**.

STREN LONGCASTING TOURNAMENT SERIES

Can anyone beat Ron Arra? After three successive wins in as many years it appears that the DuPont Stren Longcasting Tournament Series Champion is definitely up for the task of again defending his title in the fourth annual series.

Not only has he topped the regional winners in national competition, no one has come close to his U.S. Distance Casting mark of 737 feet set in regional competition in 1985 much less been able to cast over the 700 mark.

The 42-year-old Sandwich, Mass., resident credits his staying power to his athletic abilities. A pitcher and outfielder in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm system in the mid 60s, Arra says many of the motor skills from his baseball days such as swinging a bat, fit in the style of his Longcasting techniques.

Hundreds of surf fishermen like Arra have been introduced to the "pendulum" surf casting technique through the Stren Longcasting series. The method, a cross between a discus throw and a baseball bat swing, helps anglers add hundreds of feet to their casts.

Arra, giving the popular adage in sports that "on any given day any competitor can beat another," admits there are a number of distance casters capable of hitting the mark. But he's quick to get back on the offensive saying his numerous club, regional and national titles still stand and his competitive desire is always high. That, balanced with his arduous practice schedule three to five times a week, Arra claims he'll be seasoned and ready to defend the title against the seven regional competitors in Kalispell, Mont., June 21st.

As the defending champion he received a bye for the nationals which are held each year in conjunction with the national conference of the Outdoor Writers Association of America. Other observers and competitors think this may be the year that Arra is unseated.

Stren Longcasting Tournament Director Ken Lauer said the caliber of contestants has risen over the past several years. "There's been a lot of interest not only in the growing number of participants from year to

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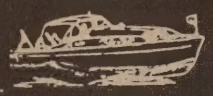
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year but the 'polished' technique they are using in their casts. Ron could see some challenging competition this year."

Southern regional defending champion Terry Parsons, of Vero Beach, Fla., thinks it can be done. "He's beatable. Any number of guys are capable of it," Parsons said.

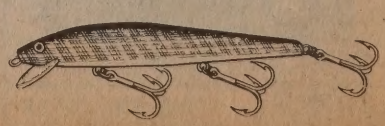
"The big thing in Arra's favor is he's very smooth, very fluid in his motion. And he practices a lot," Parsons added. "He's done it so often, it's natural for him. Arra also practices casting against the wind and might spend a week doing it right before competition. Most distance surfcasters practice only in ideal conditions with the wind at their backs. But when you get a slight cross or head wind as we've had at the past nationals then the favored competitor is Arra."

Lewes, Del., Longcasting tournament organizer Hoss Cochran agrees with Parsons and Martin regarding the northeast competition. "I know of a lot of guys who have been casting before the winter and will be back out practicing again before the spring thaw arrives."

"We know of a dozen guys who routinely cast over 600 feet," Cochran continued. "And there are a lot of new guys in their 20s starting to hit the mark with the abilities to go much farther."

Cochran said the Lewes, Del. tournament will attract more than 10 of the top teams from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Virginia. "With the right weather, humidity, etc., we should have a couple of individuals go 700 feet and better," he concluded.

Martin added, "And there are three or four guys who under the right conditions may hit the elusive 800 foot mark."



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SAT.	6:55	7:20	7:50	8:05	7:35	8:00	8:25	8:50	10:35	10:45	10:20	10:35	6:50	7:10	3/14
SUN.	7:35	7:55	8:25	8:40	8:10	8:30	9:05	9:25	10:55	11:10	10:55	11:10	7:30	7:50	3/15
MON.	8:10	8:30	9:00	9:15	8:45	9:05	9:40	10:00	11:25	11:45	11:35	11:50	8:10	8:30	3/16
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WED.	9:25	9:55	10:15	10:35	10:00	10:15	11:05	11:20	12:20	12:45	12:25	12:50	9:30	9:50	3/18
THURS.	10:10	10:40	11:00	11:20	10:40	11:05	11:45	—	1:00	1:35	1:05	1:35	10:15	10:40	3/19

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 48
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/12	6:19	6:02
FRI. 3/13	6:17	6:03
SAT. 3/14	6:15	6:04
SUN. 3/15	6:13	6:05
MON. 3/16	6:11	6:07
TUE. 3/17	6:10	6:08
WED. 3/18	6:08	6:09

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 3/12	3:05PM	5:05AM
FRI. 3/13	4:10PM	5:30AM
SAT. 3/14	5:15PM	5:55AM
SUN. 3/15	6:20PM	6:15AM
MON. 3/16	7:25PM	6:35AM
TUE. 3/17	8:35PM	7:00AM
WED. 3/18	9:50PM	7:20AM

Moon Phases

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.
3/28	4/6	3/15	3/22

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for 1½ to 2 hours thereafter, and are in the bold typeface. The minor periods are shorter in duration and the lighter typeface.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	2:35	**8:40**	2:50	**9:00**
Fri.	3:15	**9:20**	3:30	**9:45**
Sat.	4:00	**10:00**	4:10	**10:20**
Sun.	4:35	**10:40**	4:50	**11:00**
Mon.	5:15	**11:25**	5:35	**11:55**
Tues.	6:10	—	6:30	**12:15**
Wed.	6:55	**12:45**	7:20	**1:05**
Thurs.	7:45	**1:35**	8:15	**2:00**

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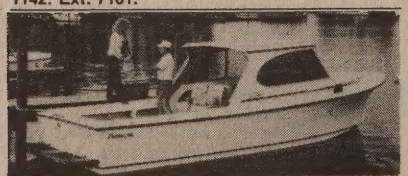

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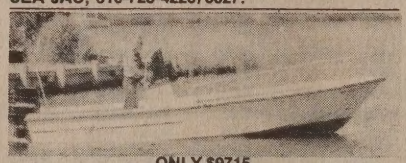

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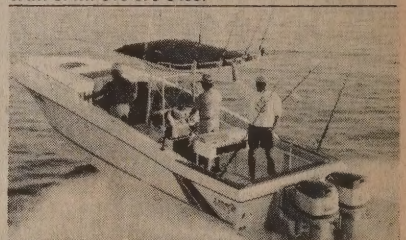

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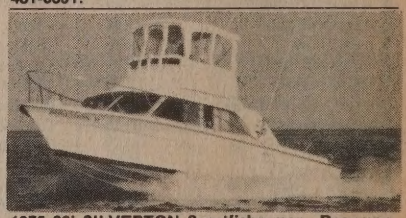

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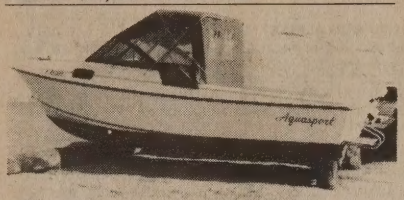

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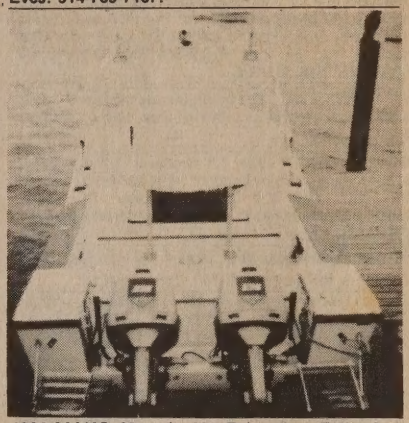

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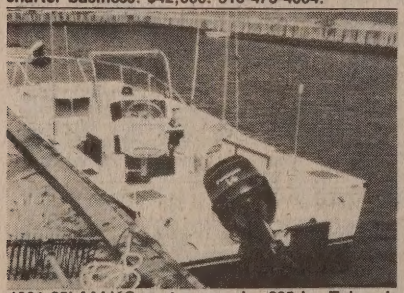

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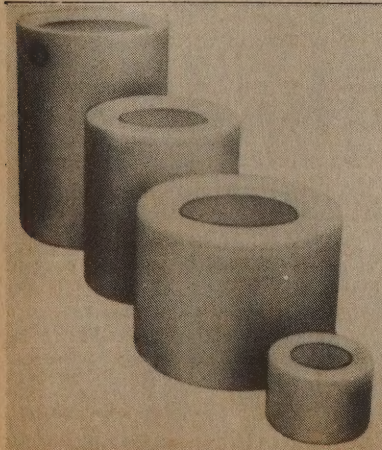

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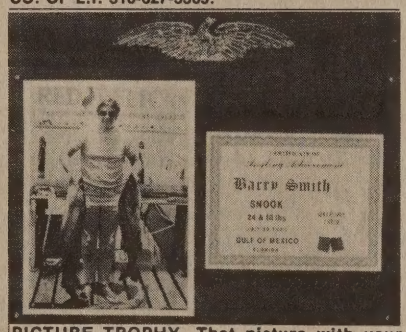

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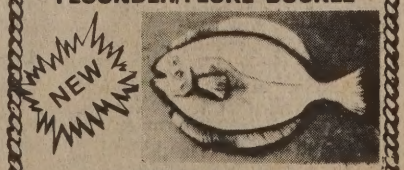

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